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Robert E. Counter, manager of the cash custody vault of the Chicago Federal Reserve bank, testified that this institution had received \$2,740 of the ransom money from five Chicago banks and that this money had been cancelled and ordered destroyed, the banks being given drafts in exchange for it. Christian J. Cassleman, head of the Reserve banks cancellation department, then outlined the process by which the money was destroyed, the bills being split lengthwise and sent to Washington with other cancelled currency.

ADDRESS LIST IS OFFERED IN TRIAL

William Vidler, Chicago bookmaker, admitted having made elaborate plans for passing a quantity of the Edward G. Bremer ransom money, his preparations including a trip from Chicago to Louisville and visits to numerous listed addresses on his return, a Department of Justice agent testified this afternoon in the Federal court trial of Vidler and nine other defendants charged with the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping.

The witness was Kenneth McIntire, who told of an interview which he and another Department of Justice agent, Ralph D. Brown, had with Vidler, May 11, 1934, in the Cook county (Chicago) jail.

In the course of the conversation McIntire said, Vidler was questioned regarding a yellow slip containing several addresses found in the defendant's possession at the time of his arrest. The slip, an exhibit in the trial was offered in evidence at this afternoon's session.

"Vidler explained that he had experienced difficulty in passing the ransom money in Chicago," McIntire testified, "and said he had planned on going to Louisville, where he knew a bank where he thought he could pass some more of it."

"He said that when he returned to Chicago, he thought he could pass what remained at the address listed on the slip. When I questioned Vidler further about the addresses on the slip, he said: 'That's just some more evidence against me.'"

Previous witnesses testified that Vidler, when arrested, had \$2,625 of the ransom money in his possession.

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BREMER JURORS HEAR HINT OF '3D DEGREE'

BUT U. S. MAN SAYS DELANEY SLEPT ON COUCH

Denies He Saw Confessed
Ransom Peddler Using Phone
Book for Pillow.

BILL DESTRUCTION TOLD

Bank Manager Describes How
Money Was Split and Sent
to Washington.

Philip Delaney, one of ten defendants on trial in Federal court for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, was held for three days in the Department of Justice offices in Chicago and forced to "sleep on a desk with a telephone book as a pillow," the defense charged today.

The charge that Delaney was kept in the Bankers building, where the Department of Justice maintains its headquarters in Chicago for four days and was forced to "sleep on a desk with a telephone book as a cushion" was injected into the cross-examination of Ralph D. Brown, Justice Department agent, by Thomas W. McMeekin, defense counsel.

Brown denied that he ever observed Delaney in such a position and asserted that there are leather couches in the Department of Justice offices in the Bankers building.

Why He Was Kept.

"What was the purpose of keeping him there for four days?" McMeekin asked.

"He was to be arraigned the following Monday and we thought it best to hold him at the office rather than at the county jail," Brown replied.

The accusation was made in an effort to break down a confession by Delaney, introduced in court Wednesday, telling how he "peddled" \$24,000 on the ransom money in Chicago and also implicating John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and a man named "Bill," contended by the prosecution to have been William Vidler, in the money passing

transactions. McLaughlin, former Chicago ward boss, and Vidler, a bookmaker, are other defendants in the trial.

The U. S. agent admitted on the stand today that Delaney had been held in the department's offices three days but explained that "we thought it best to hold him there rather than in the Cook county jail."

Tells of Conversation.

Questioned by George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, Brown told of a conversation he had with Delaney in the Department of Justice offices on April 20, 1934, in which Delaney said Vidler was the man called "Bill" in the confession.

"We also talked about McLaughlin," Brown testified. "We discussed his rise in politics until he became a millionaire—and also his decline and fall. We also talked about McLaughlin's personality and agreed that it was very affable, ideal for a politician."

"Ideal for hand-shaking?" Heisey asked, but the question was ruled out on a defense objection.

Another Department of Justice agent, Michael F. Glynn, told of a conversation he had with Delaney relative to passing the \$24,000, which the defendant said he had accomplished through six trips to the Mutual National bank of Chicago, passing \$4,000 on each trip.

"I asked him what he thought this money was, and he said he thought it was counterfeit," the agent testified. "Then I told him the bank teller would have recognized it as such, and he said he figured it was not counterfeit, but that the money was 'wrong'."

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Barker "Moll" Off For Home



Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer, will be looking up and down the corridors of the federal courts building today in vain. His sweetheart, MILDRED CLARK, alias KUHLMAN, who has made it a point to be in the corridor during the morning and afternoon recesses to get a glimpse of her boy friend, is on her way back to Toledo. Brought here as a government witness after she had been taken into custody when Barker was arrested in Chicago, and later released, she was freed from her subpoena Thursday and given transportation back to Toledo.

In an effort to link John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago, in the handling of Bremer ransom money, government attorneys late today started to lay the foundation for introduction in evidence of a statement made by McLaughlin in which he is alleged to have admitted giving his son, John P. McLaughlin, Jr., \$380 in ransom bills.

Previously over the vehement protests of defense attorneys, government prosecutors succeeded in getting into evidence a memorandum linking William Vidler more securely in the exchange of ransom money.

The government introduced the note which bore several Chicago addresses after Kenneth McIntyre, special agent of the department of justice, had identified it.

"What did he say about the Chicago addresses on the memorandum slip?" Mr. McIntyre was asked by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney.

"He said that is some more evidence against me. He said he was having some difficulty changing the money in Chicago and was going to make a trip to Louisville where a friend might help him change the money."

A. J. Hoffman, defense attorney, took over cross-examination.

"When you went to the Cook county jail you had this slip?"

"Yes."

"You checked these addresses?"

"No."

"You consider this slip important?"

"Yes, so far as Mr. Vidler is concerned."

"You familiarized yourself with

Vidler's statement?"

"I have read it."

"Did you ask all the questions?"

"No, Mr. Brown did also."

"Some reference was made to

Louisville?"

"Yes. He said he was having

trouble with some banks in Chicago

and was going to Louisville where

he had a friend.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1935

To Bureau

ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

Friday, April 26,
1935.

FEDERAL AGENT DENIES DELANEY "THIRD DEGREE"

Ruling Hits Strong Blow At Defense

Judge Refuses Motion
To Exclude Chicago
Bank Teller's Testi-
mony From Records.

A blistering cross-examination of department of justice agents testifying at the trial of 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer today failed to bring admissions that they had resorted to third degree methods to wring a confession from Philip Delaney, alleged money-changer.

Another blow was dealt the defense when Judge M. M. Joyce denied a defense motion to exclude testimony of all Chicago bankers from the record on the grounds that it was secondary and that a proper foundation had not been laid. The motion was made on behalf of Delaney, William Vidler and John J. McLaughlin.

Robert Rensch, A. J. Hoffman and Thomas McMeekin of defense counsel, fired questions at Ralph Brown, department of justice agent, but were unable to shake his story that the confession of Delaney was without coercion or trickery.

The confession, introduced at the trial in United States district court Thursday, involved John J. (Boss) McLaughlin and a man known as "Bill" in the exchange of thousands of the \$5 and \$10 bills given for the release of Mr. Bremer for bills of larger denominations.

Mr. Brown admitted that he had omitted certain statements made to him by Delaney but said this was done because the statements had no bearing on the case.

No Ulterior Motive.

"You had no ulterior motive in questioning Delaney or tried to trick him in any way in your wording of the written statement," the witness was asked by George Helsky, assistant United States district attorney. "I did not."

The witness admitted under cross-examination that certain words in the statement may not have been those used by Delaney when he made his oral confession but they had the same meaning.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Brown testified that Delaney identified the "Bill" who was referred to in the confession as the man who exchanged a great deal of the ransom money as William Vidler, another of the defendants.

Bank Employees Called.

After Mr. Brown left the stand employees of the Federal Reserve bank in Chicago were called to testify about receipts of ransom money at the bank and its subsequent cancellation.

Michael F. Glynn, another department of justice agent, was given the oath and questioned about a conversation he had with Delaney concerning the confession. He testified that he talked with Delaney April 30, 1934, and that Delaney repeated to him how he exchanged \$24,000 of the ransom money.

Questioned On Confession.

As court convened today Ralph D. Brown, federal agent, returned to the stand for cross examination on the confession alleged to have been made by Philip Delaney. Thomas McMeekin, one of the defense attorneys, sought to learn from the witness why certain answers made by Delaney were left out of the statement. Mr. McMeekin also queried the witness about words used in the statement.

"This statement has the word 'appreciative' in it. Did Delaney use it?" the attorney questioned. "He might have."

"Then the words 'instructed me,' 'assume' and 'prior arrangements'—did Delaney use them?"

"Either those words or to that effect."

"Did he not tell you that McLaughlin was a contractor?"

"Yes."

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Left Something Out.

"Why didn't you put it in the statement?"
 "It wasn't necessary."
 "You were leaving out some and not putting in other statements Mr. Delaney gave you?"
 "Facts that had to do with this case."
 "You didn't feel it was important that McLaughlin was a contractor for a number of years?"
 "That's right."

Once State Senator.

"Then did he tell you how McLaughlin was making his living?"
 "What he said was he didn't know what he did during the three years or so prior to the confession."
 "He also told you that McLaughlin was a state senator at one time?"
 "Yes."
 "Yet you didn't put that in the statement?"
 "That's right."
 "Was Delaney tired from the interview when he signed the statement?"
 "Not any more than anyone else, at 11 p. m."

Conversation Details Asked.

Robert Rensch, another member of the defense, took up the cross-examination and demanded of the witness if he omitted from the statement Delaney's answer that McLaughlin had been a contractor because it would react unfavorably with the jury.

"I did not," responded Brown.

George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, then started redirect examination and questioned Brown as to what he and Delaney did during the several hours they were together. Following an objection from one of defense counsel, Mr. Halsey explained to the court that the purpose of his questioning was to show how a conference of several hours could be

boiled down to a statement two and one-half pages long.

The witness testified that he and Delaney talked of Mr. McLaughlin's life history, discussed his friends and smoked together during the discussions.

"You had no ulterior motive in questioning Delaney or tried to trick him in any way in your wording of the written statements?" Mr. Halsey asked.

"I did not," Mr. Brown replied.

Discussed St. Paul Crime.

"What else did you talk about?"
 "We discussed crime in the mid-west especially in St. Paul and Chicago."

"Did he know 'Bill' (referred to in the Delaney confession as one of the men who exchanged the ransom money)?"

"Yes. When I pointed out Vidler to him three days later he said that it was Bill."

"In connection with the word 'hot' tell carefully how it was used?"

"It was first used by Mr. Delaney while we were discussing money."

"In connection with the word 'hot' what did Mr. Delaney say?"

"That McLaughlin told him it was good money but it was hot."

A. J. Hoffman, defense attorney, cross-examined the witness.

"You say Delaney pointed Vidler out April 30 at the department of justice offices?"

"That's my best recollection."

Objection Sustained.

"Is there any doubt about it?"
 "There is now in my mind as to the exact date."

"There was no doubt about it when you answered Mr. Halsey?"

"No."
 "You know you never saw Vidler at the Banker's building (department of justice offices) after April 28?"

"I don't know."
 "Then why didn't you tell Mr. Halsey?"

"I didn't think it was necessary."
 "Then you say whatever you think is necessary?"

An objection to the question was sustained.

Slept On Desk.

Mr. McMeekin took up cross-examination.

"Delaney was at the department of justice April 30?"

"Yes."

"At what time?"

"Before noon."

"Don't you know that from April 27 to April 30, Delaney slept on a desk with a telephone book for a pillow while kept at the department of justice?"

"I never saw him in that position."

"Why did you keep him there?"
 Mr. Halsey asked on redirect examination.

"Because he was to be arraigned Monday."

"Why was he kept at the office instead of the county jail?"

Objections from Mr. McMeekin were bluntly overruled by Judge Joyce.

Wanted To Question Him.

"You were most emphatic in showing that he was kept there," Judge Joyce said to Mr. McMeekin. "Now it is only fair that the government be permitted to show why."

"Because we wished to question him from time to time," Mr. Brown finally replied to the question.

He was excused from the stand and Robert E. Coulter, manager of the cash custody department of the Federal Reserve bank, Chicago, was the next witness.

Mr. Coulter testified to receiving a memorandum calling attention to receipt of ransom money at the bank and the memorandum was offered and received in evidence over objections of two defense attorneys.

The memorandum, read to the jury, informed Mr. Coulter that \$2,740 in \$5 and \$10 bills were to be turned in to him from five Chicago banks and inclosed with the memorandum was a list of the serial numbers of the bills.

Cancelled Ransom Bills.

The witness explained to the jury how the ransom bills were cancelled and later sent to Washington. He then was excused.

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Next witness was C. J. Casselman, also from the federal reserve bank, Chicago. He has been an employe of the cancellation department of the bank for 12 years. He testified to destroying ransom bills received at the bank by cutting the money into lengthwise and

of sending the upper halves of the bills to Washington.

Identify Delaney Confession.

Michael F. Glynn, another federal agent from Chicago, was called to tell of a conversation he had with Delaney in Chicago.

He identified the confession made by Delaney and testified he talked with Delaney in Chicago at noon April 30, 1934.

"Did you say anything to him?" "I asked him if his name was Delaney and introduced myself. I showed him a copy of the statement and said it indicated he had passed considerable money at the Mutual bank and asked him to explain it to me."

"Did he?" "Following an objection, Judge Joyce explained that Mr. Glynn's testimony would apply only to Delaney."

"Then what did he say?" Mr. Helsey said in another question.

"I asked how many times he had got money from McLaughlin, what means of transportation he had to get to the bank. He told me they parked about a block away from the bank. He said he got out of the car and proceeded to the Mutual bank, 7844 Halstead st., went to the teller and took from his pocket an envelope which he had received from McLaughlin. The teller opened the envelope, counted the money and then gave him (Delaney) money of larger denominations. Delaney said he went back to the car and handed the money to McLaughlin. I saw him later in the county jail at Chicago May 2, 1934, at 10 a. m., where I went to request Delaney to go to the bank to identify the teller."

"What did he say to that?" "He didn't want to involve anyone else in the case."

Back To Same Teller.

"What else did he say?" "He said that the first time he went to the bank, the teller who changed the money was the only one not busy and so as he was easy, 'I went back to him every time.'"

"Did Delaney say anything about what he thought the money was?"

"He said at first he thought it was counterfeit, but when the bank took it so easily he thought it must be from some mob."

"You say he didn't want to go out to the Mutual Trust and Savings bank and identify the teller as he didn't want to get anyone else in trouble?"

"Yes."

Cross-examination by Mr. McMeekin followed.

"Did he tell you he saw a number of tellers there and so couldn't identify any one teller?"

"He did not."

"Did he tell you that he did not know the teller?"

"I don't believe he did."

"Did he tell you it was his impression the bank was 'fixed'?"

"He did."

"Didn't he tell you that he didn't know anything about a bank being fixed and that you suggested it to him in your questions?"

"He never made such a statement."

He said he thought it was fixed."

(McLaughlin has been following

the testimony intently, his face flushing slightly on occasions and showing more evidence of strain than any of the other defendants.)

"At one time then, he told you he thought it was counterfeit and later he told you he knew all along he knew it wasn't counterfeit?"

"Yes."

"But he did know something was wrong with it?"

"Yes."

Refused To View Teller.

"When you went to see him May 2 he refused to go to the bank with you?"

"That's right."

"Did you ask him if he could identify the teller?"

"No."

"He was in custody at the time, why didn't you take him?"

"I never use force on anyone."

"Did you ask him where the teller is located at the bank?"

"Yes. He told me he was in the second cage on the left hand side of the bank."

Delaney and McLaughlin were implicated for the first time Thursday by introduction of an oral confession transcribed by Ralph Brown, Chicago federal agent.

Agent Brown said Delaney told him that he drove McLaughlin and a man he knew only as "Bill" to several Chicago banks in April, 1934, and that "Bill" changed many thousand dollars which McLaughlin gave him, for other currency.

In his alleged confession Delaney admitted driving McLaughlin's automobile while a man known to

him as "Bill" (the government contends that "Bill" is William E. Vidler) visited various banks in Chicago and changed the "hot" money into good cash.

Delaney also admitted that on six different days he cashed \$4,000 each for a total of \$24,000 at the Mutual bank, "in the 7800 block on S. Hal-

stead st., Chicago, and in each case he turned the money over to McLaughlin."

Tour Banks For Week.

The tour of banks, the testimony read, started April 17, 1934, and continued through April 30. Delaney said that he was of the opinion that the money was "hot" because he was under the impression that it was coming from some mob who had robbed a bank. At first, he thought, Delaney said in his confession, the money "counted" but when the banks accepted it he realized it must be genuine.

Delaney, in his confession, said that he felt he was under obligation to McLaughlin for past favors.

Under cross-examination Brown admitted to Thomas McMeekin, Delaney's attorney, the "confession" was obtained in a three-hour "question and answer" conference. Brown said that he had destroyed the penciled notes and dictated the answers. Brown said that Delaney was with him when he was dictating and that occasionally he would suggest a change in the language when he could not understand certain criminal terms. The witness said Delaney read every page before signing.

Report U. S. Has CAUGHT KARPIS

Bremer Kidnaping Trial Hears a Rumor

By Ray Brennan.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., April 25.

Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1," has been captured in the East, it was rumored today at the trial for conspiracy in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping of ten of Karpis' alleged accomplices.

Although federal officials denied they had been informed that Karpis, ally of Arthur ("Doc") Barker in \$1,000,000 worth of bank robberies and kidnaping, was secretly held, it was recalled that federal officials always maintain a policy of secrecy after important arrests.

DEFENSE NOTIFIED.

Defense attorneys for Barker and the nine others on trial admitted they had heard the report. They would not comment.

It was believed the information came from some of the St. Paul police officers assigned to aid federal agents in guarding witnesses at the trial.

Linking two of the defendants on trial as "money changers" of the Bremer ransom, prosecutors today introduced a purported confession from Philip Delaney of Chicago, chauffeur for John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, that he changed \$24,000 of the ransom \$5 and \$10 bills for larger currency in the Mutual National Bank on S. Halsted st., Chicago.

"BOSS" ACCUSED.

In the statement, obtained by Federal Agent R. A. Brown, who led a machine gun raid some weeks ago that ended in the killing of Barker's mother and brother in Florida, Delaney admitted making six trips to the bank, changing \$4,000 each time. The statement said:

"McLaughlin gave me the money and instructed me what to do with it."

The statement added that Delaney had driven William E. Vidler, Chicago racing bookmaker, to half a dozen banks when Vidler was acting as McLaughlin's agent a few days earlier. It said that he saw Vidler accept bundles of cash from McLaughlin and return it in bills of larger denomination a few days later.

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Bremer Gang's Money Is Tied to M'Laughlin

St. Paul, Minn., April 25.—(AP)—A signed confession of Philip Delaney, Chicago bartender, that he "peddled" \$24,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer kidnap ransom money in the Mutual National bank of Chicago was admitted in evidence late today in the trial of Arthur [Doc] Barker and nine others on a conspiracy charge.

Delaney's written statement named John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former Chicago legislator, as the man who gave him the money and related how McLaughlin would "disappear" for twenty minutes "at the end of each day's work."

The confession, identified by Ralph D. Brown, department of justice agent, as the one he obtained from Delaney, frequently mentioned a man named "Bill" who disposed of additional ransom money in other banks while the bartender and McLaughlin waited in a car.

Bremer Cash in Court.

Previously, \$2,625 of Bremer ransom currency, found in the possession of William Vidler, Chicago "bookie," was introduced as evidence. The government charges that "Bill" is Vidler.

After relating how he made six trips on as many different days to the bank, each time exchanging a block of \$4,000 ransom bills, Delaney asserted in the written statement:

"At first I thought the money to be counterfeit, but when the banks accepted it I realized it must have been genuine. I had an idea in my own mind that the money was coming from some mob who had robbed a bank."

Knew McLaughlin 25 Years.

Reciting how he knew "Boss" McLaughlin for a quarter century, during which period the politician assisted him in obtaining various positions and extending financial help at times, Delaney's written statement said in part:

"Previous to April 17, 1934, for approximately two months, I would call at John McLaughlin's house in the 3400 block on West Jackson boulevard and drive him downtown to whatever places he desired to visit.

"On or about April 17, 1934, I called for him and we drove to approximately Lawrence and Ashland avenues, where a man McLaughlin called Bill got into the car. I do not know his last name and have never been introduced to him.

"Bill" Changes Money.

"McLaughlin then instructed me to drive back on the north side of Chicago near a bank. 'Bill' proceeded to the bank and returned in a few minutes and said, 'The money is all right.' 'Bill' stopped at numerous banks and exchanged several packages of \$5 and \$10 bills into larger denominations.

"About noon of that date McLaughlin

gave me a package containing \$4,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills and I took this money to the Mutual National bank and I was successful in changing it into larger denominations. I then turned this money over to McLaughlin."

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M'LAUGHLIN IS NAMED IN RANSOM DEAL

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MISTREATED BY AGENTS, BREMER DEFENDANT SAYS

St. Paul, Minn., April 26.—(P)—Thomas McMeekin, counsel for Philip Delaney, Chicago, today charged his client was forced to "sleep on a desk with a telephone book for a cushion" while he was held at department of justice headquarters in Chicago.

Delaney's alleged confession to a part in passing a portion of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom was introduced in evidence yesterday at the trial of Delaney and nine others charged with complicity in the abduction.

Ralph D. Brown, department of justice agent, who was on the witness stand, denied he had ever seen Delaney in such a position. He also testified that the "Bill" mentioned in Delaney's statement was William Vidler, also accused as a money changer.

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HAMM, BREMER CRIMES LINKED

ST. PAUL, April 26 (U.S.)—In a startling disclosure by a young Government agent on the stand in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap trial, apparent solution of another St. Paul kidnaping—that of William Hamm, Jr., for \$100,000 ransom—was revealed late today.

The witness, R. D. Brown, Department of Justice sleuth from Chicago, sent a gasp through the crowded court when he announced evidence that both Mr. Hamm and Mr. Bremer, millionaire St. Paul brewers, were kidnaped less than six months apart by the same Barker-Karpis gang.

Mr. Brown was unfolding an astounding story of how John L. "Boss" McLaughlin, as he charged, flooded Chicago banks with money from the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping when the Hamm case cropped out in his testimony.

The agent first told of questioning McLaughlin, former Chicago politician.

Brown said McLaughlin told him of getting ransom money from Russell Gibson, killed recently in Chicago when he resisted arrest, and Oliver Berg, on trial here, and changing it for a 5 per cent commission at Chicago banks, with help from William Vidler, bookmaker, and Philip Deane, chauffeur.

Brown testified: "McLaughlin told me he asked how much of the money there was and one of the men replied: 'Two hundred grand.' He asked if it was Bremer money and one of them mumbled something. Then the other said: 'We've got another \$100,000.' McLaughlin said he asked if it was Hamm money and the man nodded."

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BREMER, HAMM CRIMES LINKED

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 27.—In a startling disclosure by a young Government agent on the witness stand in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap trial here, apparent solution of another St. Paul kidnaping—that of William Hamm, Jr., for \$100,000 ransom—had been revealed today.

The witness, R. D. Brown, Department of Justice sleuth from Chicago, sent a gasp through the crowded court when he announced evidence that both Hamm and Bremer, millionaire St. Paul brewers, were kidnaped less than six months apart by the same Barker-Karpis gang.

His testimony was regarded as the first official pronouncement concerning solution of major crimes from coast to coast, that is expected to result from information gathered in bringing Arthur ("Doc") Barker and nine others on trial here in the Bremer kidnaping.

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BREMER RANSOM BILLS POINT WON BY GOVERNMENT

Kidnap Jury Is Allowed to Hear Testimony.

St. Paul, Minn., April 26.—[Special.]
The government, prosecuting ten persons on a charge of having plotted the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, late today rebuffed an attack by the defense that would have destroyed important evidence against the group accused of handling the \$200,000 ransom money.

The attack came when Robert Rensch of defense counsel moved that testimony of Chicago bank employees telling of ransom money turned in at their banks be stricken. Rensch argued that the government had failed to produce the ransom bills.

Many of these bills, government witnesses had testified, were retired from circulation and burned.

Rules Bills Identified.

George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, argued that the bills had been identified and that witnesses had traced them up to the time they were destroyed. Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, after hearing the arguments, ruled that the showing of the government had been sufficient to allow the evidence to go to the jury.

The government then continued with testimony to involve John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, Chicago politician, and others. A statement purported to have been given to department of justice agents in St. Paul by McLaughlin was introduced. McLaughlin was reported as saying that he had given his son the money which was taken from the latter when he was arrested in Chicago. The government contends this money was part of the Bremer ransom.

Passed \$24,000 "Hot" Money.

In an early attack on the government's case today the defense brought out—in an effort to prove a confession from Philip J. Delaney, Chicago bartender, implicating McLaughlin and others had been obtained under duress—that Delaney had been kept prisoner in the department of justice offices in Chicago four days. Delaney in a signed statement offered by Ralph D. Brown, federal agent, said he had passed \$24,000 of "hot" money given to him by McLaughlin. This, the government was to show, was part of the ransom money.

The confession disclosed that in six visits to the Mutual National bank in Chicago Delaney exchanged the money in six blocks of \$4,000 each; that on some of the trips to the bank he was accompanied by another man known to him as "Bill" and previously identified as William Vidler, who exchanged other amounts at other banks; that Delaney thought the money came from bank robbers.

In answer to another question, Brown said, he asked Delaney why he always went to the Mutual bank and that Delaney replied he "thought the bank was fixed."

Tells of Burning Bills.

After Brown had his testimony Robert E. Coulter of La Grange, Ill., manager of the cash custody vault of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, was called to tell about the withdrawal and subsequent burning of some of the ransom bills that were recovered in Chicago banks. Previously federal operatives had explained that all of the recovered bills, with the exception of \$2,625 found on Vidler and offered in evidence at the trial, had been withdrawn and destroyed.

The government proposes to introduce testimony, it was learned today, that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician alleged to have treated Bremer during his 21 day captivity at Bensenville, Ill., was the man assigned by Arthur [Doc] Barker to the handling of the ransom money.

This testimony is expected to show Moran turned the money over to one of the defendants for distribution. Then, becoming suspicious of Moran, Barker was reported to have had Oliver Berg, another defendant, and Russell Gibson, killed in Chicago at the time of Barker's arrest last January, keep a close watch over the physician.

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U. S. MAPS PLAN TO JAIL GANGS

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 ST. PAUL, Minn., April 27

(U.S.)—Details of the Government's preparations to jail outlaws and their aides from the underworlds of every major American city were revealed today as the Edward G. Bremer kidnap trial recessed for the week-end.

Already during the trial has been disclosed solution of the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, jr., St. Paul brewer, in July of 1933.

Other major crimes are expected to be explained next week, when Byron "Squealer" Bolton testifies in the Federal Court trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker and nine others for the \$200,000 kidnaping of

Bolton is said to have told Federal agents secrets of the St. Valentines Day massacre of seven George "Bugs" Moran gangsters in Chicago, admitting himself to have been a machine gunner in the slaughter.

Identification of ransom notes written in the abduction a year ago of little June Robles at Tucson, Ariz., already has resulted from the drive and arrests are expected momentarily, it was indicated.

The first aim of the Government will be to round up every one of several hundred persons known to have aided the Barker and Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," kidnapings and bank robberies that netted them \$1,000,000 in two years.

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Bremer Suspects Will Go on Stand

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 29 (I.N.S.).—Presentation of more "confessions" and questioning of a dozen Government witnesses was scheduled for today as the trial of 10 defendants accused of complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer entered its third week.

It was believed, however, the Government would swiftly wind up its case, and the defendants would soon have their "day." At least five of the defendants, it was learned, will take the stand to testify in their own behalf.

Barker Kidnap Trial Nears Its Climax

By United Press

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'Doc' Barker Trial Set to End Friday

ST. PAUL, April 28 (U.P.).—The trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker and nine others charged with participation in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker, enters its third week tomorrow with prosecutors confident they would complete their case by Friday. Defense counsel said at least five defendants would testify.

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BREMER TRIAL AT CLIMAX FOR FIVE

ST. PAUL, April 28.—(AP)—At least five of the ten defendants charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, are expected to testify in their own behalf in federal court here.

The trial tomorrow enters its third week. The defendants include Arthur ("Doc") Barker.

Those who will testify in their behalf are John J. McLaughlin, William Vidler and Phillip Delaney, all of Chicago, alleged "money changers"; Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held twenty-two days; and James J. Wilson.

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BETTY BAERWALD
MAID at the farm of Frank Sawyer, underworld character, proved an able witness for the Government in its case against the kidnapers of Edward Bremer in St. Paul. Photo by International.

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2 POINTED OUT IN TRIAL HERE

Two Bremer kidnap defendants were pointed out this afternoon by a Negro bellhop as the men who visited Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive Chicago physician, in the Irving hotel, Chicago, where the government claim John J. (Boss) McLaughlin maintained headquarters for distribution of ransom money.

James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Moran, and Oliver Berg, lifer in the Illinois state prison, both among the ten defendants on trial for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, were named by James R. Franklin, bellboy, as guests of Dr. Moran in the Irving hotel, 4849 Irving Park boulevard, Chicago.

Franklin also identified a photograph of Russell (Slim) Gibson, slain by Federal agents the night Arthur (Doc) Barker was captured, as another visitor in Dr. Moran's room. He said "Slim," as he knew him, called at the physician's room approximately three times a week during April, 1934, when, the government alleges, a portion of the \$200,000 ransom was flooding Chicago banks.

Asked if he could point out the man known as "Izzy" who visited Dr. Moran's room occasionally, the bellboy stood up from the witness chair and said:

"He's the man sitting next to Jimmy Wilson."

A few minutes later, on direct examination of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Franklin stepped down from the stand, walked over to Berg, placed his finger on him and said, "This is the man I referred to."

Franklin said Berg was the man who was with "Slim" in the Irving hotel, and testified also that he saw both with Dr. Moran and Wilson in the physician's room.

At this point McLaughlin was brought into the testimony of Franklin. The bellboy said he saw the former political leader talking to Gibson in the hotel lobby and subsequently saw McLaughlin, the latter part of April, 1934, going up the stairway to the second floor of the Irving hotel.

Franklin, asked if he could point out McLaughlin, stepped down from the witness chair and said he couldn't see McLaughlin. Then, quickly, he said "yes, sir," whereupon he went over and touched McLaughlin, 66-year-old former Illinois legislator.

The government proposed to summon Ralph Brown and John Falkner, Department of Justice agents to the witness stand late today preliminary to the presentation of a written statement in which McLaughlin reputedly recites his part in the distribution of the ransom money.

PASSED \$29,000 IN BREMER BILLS DOCUMENT SAYS

Chicago Bookmaker Gave Federal Man Written Statement, Is Testimony.

U. S. AGENT GRILLED

Defense Lawyer Announces Step to Impeach Ralph D. Brown's Testimony.

A written confession by William Vidler, Chicago bookmaker, telling how he "shoved" \$29,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid kidnapers for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was introduced today in the trial of Vidler and nine other defendants charged with the abduction.

In his confession, Vidler said he had passed the money within four days at various Chicago banks in April, 1934. For this work, he received a commission of 1 per cent, the confession said.

The bookmaker's confession said he obtained the money from John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, another defendant.

"He told me it was good money but 'hot,' and I didn't have to be afraid of it," Vidler's statement read.

The confession went on to say that McLaughlin and a man named "Phil," later identified as Philip Delaney, likewise a defendant charged with ransom money "shoving," accompanied Vidler on his rounds.

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U. S. Claims Cash Changer Knew Source

Vidler Signed Statement Tells Of McLaughlin Supplying Money To Be Exchanged.

Defense efforts to impeach a government witness failed today at the federal court trial of 10 Barker-Karpis gangsters and aides for the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy as a signed statement by one of the defendants was introduced to show that he knew he was handling "hot money," and implicating two others now facing trial.

The statement, by William Vidler, Chicago "bookie," revealed that he admitted exchanging \$28,500 in the \$5 and \$10 bills which made up the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of the abducted bank president last year, receiving 1 per cent of the face value for his services.

He received the money, the statement showed, from John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago political figure and alleged gambling overlord, and exchanged it in company with Phil Delaney, bartender.

"I asked McLaughlin whether it was counterfeit money," the statement read. "He told me it was good money, but that it was 'hot' money, but that I need not be afraid of it. At one time during the days I was changing money for McLaughlin I asked him how much of this he had and he stated it was about \$30,000 or \$40,000 more."

McLaughlin and nine others, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader of the gang which is charged with kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, Jan. 17, 1934, are on trial in federal court on charges of kidnaping conspiracy.

Mr. Bremer was held prisoner for three weeks at a house in Bensenville, Ill., government testimony has shown, and was freed after payment of \$200,000 ransom. Others facing the court are Harold Alorton and Elmer Farmer, Mr. Bremer's alleged guards at Bensenville; Phil Delaney and William Vidler, money changers; Oliver Berg, Jess Doyle, James Wilson and Edna Murray.

Defense Attacks Testimony.

The defense launched a bitter but vain attack on the testimony of Ralph D. Brown, special agent of the department of justice, as he resumed the witness stand today for cross examination.

With Robert Rensch of the defense crew pulling the trigger, a barrage of questions was fired designed to trip up the witness, but his story that McLaughlin had made admissions which indicated he had a guilty knowledge of the source of thousands of dollars of ransom money remained unshaken.

Questioned About Automobile.

"You said McLaughlin told you Delaney (Phil Delaney, alleged money changer, also on trial), had an automobile?"

"Yes."

"Isn't it a fact that he told you that Delaney did not own an automobile?"

"He indicated he did. I'll testify that he said he rode in an automobile with Delaney."

"Isn't it a fact that he said Delaney drove his (McLaughlin's) auto?"

"I don't recall."

Thought It Hamm Money.

"You said McLaughlin told you the men were to meet him a block and a half from the hotel?"

"Yes."

"You said that McLaughlin after three or four days asked the men where the money came from, and

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said he thought it was Hamm money?"

"Yes."

"Was that before you made any mention of the Hamm money?"

"I don't recall."

"Was that before or after any mention was made of the Bremer case?"

"I don't recall."

"You said that when McLaughlin mentioned Hamm money to the men one said, 'Yes,' or some such affirmative answer?" (The men referred to were apparently "Slim" and "Izzy," from whom McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney are alleged to have received the ransom money to exchange. Federal agents charge that "Slim" was Russell Gibson, since slain, and that "Izzy" was Oliver J. Berg, on trial.)

Didn't Ask Amount.

"It was my own language."

"You didn't ask McLaughlin how much money he changed?"

"No."

"When you first talked to McLaughlin did he say this to you: 'If my son (arrested but later freed) had any ransom money on him it must have been put on him, because I certainly wouldn't give it to him?'"

"No."

"Didn't McLaughlin say that Frankie Wright was a race track follower?"

"I recall something about the race track."

McLaughlin Was Sick.

"Is it a fact that 'Boss' said he was sick in bed all winter?"

"Yes, something to that effect?"

"Sick during February, March and April?"

"He did not."

"When 'Boss' went to the hotel, the men he met there were called Smith and Jones, and also Izzy and Slim?"

"Yes."

"Had you interviewed Delaney prior to McLaughlin?"

"Yes."

Here Thomas W. McMeekin of defense counsel took up the questioning.

"Did you make these notes (on a page from the agent's note book, introduced in evidence) as you interviewed McLaughlin?"

"Most of them."

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Wouldn't Sign Statement.
"You did not know that McLaughlin would refuse to make a statement?"
"Not at that time. He was tired, and I did not think he would sign a statement that day."
"You say you finished with him at 6:30 p. m. Then what did you do?"
"Went back to the office to get help in locating the hotel." (Where "Slim" and "Izzy" were staying.)
"You asked him if he would sign a statement?"
"I did. He said he would rather not."
"How long did you talk with him?"
"A short time—about two hours."
"Was this map (on the note book page) prepared during or after the interview?"

Would Impeach Witness.
"I am not sure. Probably during the interview."
McMeekin made a great to-do about the maps. On one side of the notebook page the map showed the location of the hotel, and on the other side, the hotel interior apparently as described to Agent Brown by McLaughlin.
George Heisey, assistant to George F. Sullivan, district attorney, objected to the defense attorneys asking the same questions, one after the other, on the same subject.
Rensch jumped to his feet.
"There is no duplication of questions," he shouted. "It is our purpose to impeach this witness."
"Did you prepare this chart at the time your notes contain the word 'drawing' in parentheses?" asked McMeekin.
"It might have been prepared before, and the word inserted to call attention to it."
The notebook containing the agent's memorandums and maps was admitted to evidence.
"Isn't it a fact that you wrote those notes some time after you had the talk with McLaughlin, and that is why you referred to his son as Jimmy?"
"McLaughlin called him Jimmy."
"Is all the conversation you had with McLaughlin regarding Delaney and Vidler in your notes?"
"No."
"Do you recall McLaughlin saying Vidler and Delaney were a couple of fools?"
"I may have."

On re-direct examination by Mr. Heisey Agent Brown explained a dollar sign (\$) on the notes meant money, and that the words "hot dough" were put in quotation marks because he felt they were important.
Wanted Son Released.
"What did McLaughlin say when you told him you would come back next day?"
"He said he would have more information for me. He said he wanted his son released that day."
When Rensch announced that recess examination might take some time, a recess was ordered by Trial Judge M. M. Joyce.

Purvis Didn't Read Notes.
After recess, the cross-examination proved brief.
"Did Mr. Purvis (Melvin Purvis, Chicago agent in charge) read the notes?"
"No."
"This story you are testifying to—is it yours or McLaughlin's?"
"It is the story of my interview with him."
"When was the first examination of him?"
"I assume before the boy (John J. McLaughlin, Jr.) was picked up."
"You are sure as you left McLaughlin April 28 that he said he wanted his boy 'Jimmy' back home?"
"Yes."
"You are sure he used the word 'Jimmy'?"
"Yes."
As Brown stepped from the witness stand he looked weary. He had been testifying more than four hours Friday and today.

"Cash Thrown In Car."
L. T. Nichols, former special agent of the federal justice department in Chicago, was called, pointed out Vidler in the courtroom and said he had first met him April 26, 1934, at the Wells st. "boogie joint" where he was arrested.
"Where you at the federal offices when Vidler told where he got the money?"
"Yes. He said someone tossed it into his car crossing the Michigan ave. bridge."
"Did you get a statement from Vidler?"
"Yes. On April 27 Agent Hollis (since slain) dictated the statement to a stenographer, in the presence of Vidler. Vidler then read it over and signed it."

Knew McLaughlin 7 Years.
A three page statement, signed by Vidler on every page, became government exhibit 106.
Highlights in the statement were that Vidler had known McLaughlin for seven years, that McLaughlin had told him he had some money to change and didn't want to do it himself. In company with "a fellow named Phil" the three drove to the Continental Bank & Trust Co. and cashed \$2,500 in \$5 and \$10 bills. He was to get 1 percent commission.
He cashed \$5,500 on April 19, \$6,000 on April 20, \$6,000 on April 21, and \$11,000 on April 23—a total of \$28,500, the statement read.
In another statement by Delaney, brought out in court last week, Delaney cited \$24,000 he had changed, bringing the total listed to date to \$52,500, or more than one-fourth of the ransom total.

Thought Cash Counterfeit.
"Wasn't this statement signed Saturday?" the witness was asked.
"No."
"You got the impression that Vidler thought it was counterfeit money?"
"Yes."
"How much money did he have on him?"
"A lot. He pulled it out from every pocket."
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Disclosure of the face-lifting will come from several purported confessions made to department of justice agents, prosecutors said. Fifteen more government witnesses remain in the room.

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Went to Hotel Daily.

After each day's work, the trio would go to the Irving hotel, where McLaughlin is alleged to have received the money from "Slim" Gibson, slain gangster, and Oliver Berg, a defendant in the case here, the confession asserted. Vidler stated in his confession, however, that he did not go inside the hotel and did not know what transpired there.

The confession was read to the jury after Lew D. Nichols of San Francisco, a former Department of Justice agent, testified that he and Herman E. Hollis, Department of Justice operative, later slain by "Baby Face" Nelson, had obtained it from Vidler April 27, 1934, in the Cook county jail.

The confession brought the amount of ransom money accounted for by the prosecution to between \$55,000 and \$56,000. Besides the \$29,000 which the confession said he "peddled," about \$2,600 of the ransom was found in Vidler's possession when he was arrested. In a confession previously introduced, Delaney told of passing about \$24,000 of the ransom amount.

Besides introduction of Vidler's confession, highlights of the trial today included an announced intention by the defense of impeaching a government witness.

The announcement was made by R. V. Rensch of defense counsel in the course of the cross-examination of Ralph D. Brown, Department of Justice agent.

Gave Details of Transaction.

Previously, Brown had testified regarding a conversation which he had in the Cook county jail with McLaughlin. According to the agent, the defendant had told him of obtaining the money and given many details of the "passing" transactions.

In an effort to break down the agent's story, Rensch subjected him to long and detailed cross-examination. When Rensch finished, the cross-examination was taken up by Thomas W. McMeekin, also of defense counsel. An objection then was made by George A. Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, who asserted that McMeekin's cross-examination was merely repetition and served no purpose.

At this point Rensch stood up and said:

"This cross-examination is for the purpose of impeaching the witness and I think it's being done."

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Were At Gang's Hotel, Former Bellhop Says

A jovial Chicago Negro late today became one of the government's principal witnesses at the prosecution of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer when he linked three more persons in the snatching.

Called soon after court convened after the noon recess, James R. Franklin, former bellhop at the Irving hotel, Chicago, which the government contends was used as headquarters by certain members of the Karpis-Barker gang during disposition of the \$200,000 ransom money, linked the names of Dr. Joseph Moran, a fugitive; Russell Gibson, now dead; and Owen Berg and J. J. Wilson, on trial.

He testified that Dr. Moran and Wilson lived at the hotel from April, 1933, until April, 1934, and that frequent visitors at the place were Berg and Gibson, who previously had been mentioned in the case as the persons who gave ransom money to J. J. (Boss) McLaughlin to exchange for cool money.

The Negro also identified McLaughlin as a visitor at the hotel and testified that McLaughlin was seen there in company of "Slim" Gibson.

Asked if he saw McLaughlin in the courtroom, Franklin stepped down from the stand and with a wide grin on his face shouted, "Yes, suh, there he is." He pointed to McLaughlin.

Nichols Returns.

When court resumed after the noon recess, Agent Nichols went back on the stand. He was cross-examined by A. J. Hoffman. He was asked if Vidler hadn't said something about banks refusing to change the money because the banks lost money on such changes or because they thought he was hoarding money.

"I don't recall his saying that," the witness responded. "Then there are a lot of things you can't recall in this conversation?"

"Yes."

"What did Vidler say about Phil?"

"I understood he said he and 'Phil' were changing money together."

Bellhop Called.

Next witness was Mr. Franklin. Franklin testified he was a bellhop at the Irving hotel, Chicago, from January, 1932, until April, this

year. He identified a picture of Dr. Joseph Moran as a resident of the hotel from April, 1933, until April, 1934, and said that he lived there with J. J. Wilson one of the defendants on trial.

He also identified a picture of Russell Gibson, dead, as the "Slim" previously mentioned in the case and said he visited Dr. Moran from the latter part of December, 1933, until April, 1934. He also pointed out Oliver Berg as another visitor to the hotel.

"Did you ever see Slim and Berg in Moran's room?"

"Yes, Jimmy Wilson was there," saw McLaughlin.

"Did you ever see McLaughlin at the hotel?"

"About two weeks before Moran left."

"Where?"

"In the lobby talking to Slim."

"How many times did you see McLaughlin there?"

"Twice, both the same day. Slim and he were going upstairs."

"Do you see McLaughlin in this room?"

Franklin stepped down, hesitated for a moment and with a broad grin in his face shouted, "Yes, suh, there he is" and pointed to McLaughlin.

"Who occupied room 306 in the hotel?"

"I don't know. He was a dark complected man to whom I brought food and drink as he ordered."

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DEFENSE PLANS DENIALS FOR U. S. BREMER CHARGES

At Least 5 Prisoners Will Take Stand.

St. Paul, Minn., April 28.—[Special.]—Five or more of the ten defendants in the Edward G. Bremer case will testify to deny complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping. First, however, the government will present more "confessions" and question about 15 more witnesses. The trial enters its third week tomorrow.

The five defendants to talk include John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, all of Chicago, accused as "money changers." It seems they will deny they knew money they handled was part of the Bremer ransom.

The other two defendants, expected to testify are James J. Wilson and Harold Alderton. At Alderton's home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was kept for 21 days following his kidnaping Jan. 17, 1934. He is believed to intend to deny knowledge of the purpose for which his home was engaged until after Bremer had been brought there. After that fear for his life will be urged as reason for his silence.

To Talk of Operations.

Wilson worked in the office of a distant relative, Dr. Joseph P. Moran of Chicago. Moran is a fugitive in the case. The government will attempt to show Wilson was aware of operations performed by Dr. Moran to mutilate and change fingerprints of various members of the gang and also to alter their faces. Efforts also will be made to connect Dr. Moran with the ransom.

Wilson is expected to tell that Moran befriended him after lack of cash stopped his college career.

Other defendants who may take the

stand are Oliver Berg, life term Illinois convict brought here from Joliet; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper; Jess Doyle, of Pittsburg, Kan., and Mrs. Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit."

Finger Prints Link Barker.

In addition to testimony offered thus far which has definitely linked Arthur "Doc" Barker with the crime through fingerprints, the defendants will attempt to refute evidence expected likely to be offered by Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty as the trial started and by Wynona Burdette, brought here from a penitentiary at Milan, Mich. Miss Burdette, alleged sweetheart of Harry Campbell, also a fugitive in the case, was arrested at Atlantic City when Campbell and Alvin Karpis shot their way out of a trap.

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U. S. REVEALS PLAN FOR HUGE DRIVE ON CRIME

Fifty Picked Agents Deployed
From St. Paul; Bremer In-
quiry Brings Data on Gangs

By Ray Brennan,
Herald and Examiner Staff Correspondent.
ST. PAUL, Minn., April 27.—De-
tails of the government's prepara-
tions to jail outlaws and their aids
from the underworld of every ma-
jor American city were revealed to-
day as the Bremer kidnaping trial
recessed for the week-end.

Already during the trial has been
disclosed solution of the \$100,000
kidnaping of William Hamm Jr.,
St. Paul brewer in July of 1933.
Other major crimes are expected to
be explained next week when
Byron ("Squealer") Bolton testifies
in the Federal Court trial of Arthur
("Doc") Barker and nine others
for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Ed-
ward G. Bremer, St. Paul million-
aire.

TELLS OF MASSACRE

Bolton is said to have told fed-
eral secrets of the St. Valentine's
Day massacre of seven George
("Bugs") Moran gangsters in Chi-
cago, admitting himself to have
been a machine gunner in the
slaughter.

Fifty picked government men
summoned here for secret instruc-
tions were reported being deployed
today over the nation for the start
of a criminal roundup unprecedent-
ed in the country's history, based
on information gleaned in bring-
ing the Bremer case to trial.

LADD IN CHARGE

D. M. Ladd, head of the United
States division of investigation
here, will be in charge of the anti-
crime campaign under the direct
supervision of Assistant U. S. At-
torney General Joseph B. Keenan.

The first aim of the government
will be to round up every one of
several hundred persons known to
have aided the Barker and Alvin
Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," in
kidnapings and bank robberies that
netted them a million dollars in
two years. Persistent reports here
are that Karpis has been arrested
in the East and is held secretly.

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AIM TO CLINCH BREMER CASE BY ADMISSIONS

St. Paul, April 29 (AP).—Embarking on the third week of testimony, the government today set itself for the "knockout punch" in an effort to send Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates to prison for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Several confessions allegedly relating the parts played by the seven alleged "money changers" and three actual kidnapers, all of whom are being tried for conspiracy under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, are in the possession of the government, George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, announced.

A written confession of Philip Delaney, Chicago bartender, already has been admitted in evidence.

The prosecution has written statements of James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Joseph P. Moran, also a fugitive in the case; Harold Alerton and Elmer Farmer, both of Bensenville, Ill.; Mrs. Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit"; Jess Doyle, Kansas City; McLaughlin, and Victor.

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Confessions Name Bremer Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 30 (I.N.S.)—Three purported confessions today were in evidence against John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, former Illinois politician, and others of the seven on trial in Federal Court charged with disposing of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping ransom.

Last of the three signed statements, that of William Vidler, a Chicago bookmaker, said he received commission of \$300 from McLaughlin for changing \$30,000 in Bremer kidnap money at Chicago banks. His confession said that Philip Delaney, another defendant, also worked with him in passing the money.

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HARRY SAWYER.

BREMER KIDNAPING SUSPECT CAPTURED

Justice Department An-
nounces Arrest of Harry
Sawyer in Mississippi.

BY REX COLLIER.

The Department of Justice today crossed another "public enemy" off its wanted list with the arrest in Pass Christian, Miss., of Harry Sawyer, ex-convict, declared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be one of the ringleaders in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul last year.

Sawyer was captured by special agents of the bureau's New Orleans office as he rode in an automobile with his wife along the fashionable Gulf Coast water front. Taken entirely by surprise, he surrendered meekly and agreed to return to St. Paul for trial.

According to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, Sawyer had a "key" role in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and is one of the five members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang for whom the Government has been conducting a Nation-wide manhunt.

Fred Barker and his mother, members of the gang, recently were slain by agents in a gun battle near Miami. Eight others, including Arthur "Doc" Barker and John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, St. Paul politician, are on trial in St. Paul for the kidnaping.

Hoover said Sawyer had been traced to the Gulf resort recently and found to be operating a bar room and lottery in a disreputable section of the community. A deputy sheriff and State highway officer co-operated with the Federal agents.

He was taken last night to New Orleans and questioned for hours about the kidnaping, which occurred January 17, 1934. Bremer was held prisoner for 21 days in a hideout only recently located by Justice agents. He was released after a bundle of \$200,000 in currency had been tossed into a ditch in response to the flashing of signal lights by the kidnapers.

Sawyer was to be arraigned today before a United States commissioner preparatory to his return to St. Paul. He has been indicted on charges of conspiracy to kidnap Bremer.

There are now only four other alleged members of the Karpis-Barker kidnap syndicate at large, Hoover said. They are Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel several months ago when police tried to arrest them, and Volney Davis and Willie Weaver. All are wanted for conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker.

Karpis and Campbell fled from the Miami fortress in which Fred and "Ma" Barker died a few hours before the place was raided by Federal men. It is possible that Sawyer also had been at the Miami hideout.

In Pass Christian Sawyer was using the name "Wright." He had not attempted to disguise himself otherwise. Sawyer has a long criminal record, dating back to 1914, when he pleaded guilty to robbing offices of the Standard Oil Co. at Lincoln, Nebr. He was paroled immediately under a 3-year sentence. Subsequently he was convicted of grand larceny and has been arrested from time to time on charges ranging from robbery to bond jumping.

The bureau declares he fled from St. Paul about February 7, 1934, the date of Bremer's release by his captors. When arrested in Mississippi he was driving a car with a Nebraska tag.

Master Mind Bremer Kidnap Harry Sawyer

Police Believe Captive
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Recent Wave of

ST. PAUL—Capture

yer yesterday at Pass C brings into custody the terized as "master wave of crimes that the "poison spot" of to be arraigned in Ne Sawyer has been "Rager man" behind Bremer kidnaping.

eral agents say, who plotted the abduction, singled out Bremer to the actual kidnapers and named the ransom figure—\$200,000—the richest in United States criminal history.

As successor to "Dapper Dan" Hogan in the St. Paul underworld, Sawyer, whose true name is Harry Sando-vich, long has been a mysterious figure.

ALLY OF GANGSTERS

Authorities have known him as an ally of Homer Van Meter, the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, George (Baby Face) Nelson and other gang characters.

He disappeared from St. Paul last year shortly after Bremer was kidnaped on Jan. 17. He has been revealed as the guiding hand behind at least two kidnapings, bank robberies in which the loot totaled hundreds of thousands of dollars, and in many other major crimes.

Sawyer had been Hogan's chief lieutenant. When Hogan was slain, Sawyer moved up. He was reputed to have handled loot from dozens of bank robberies, including virtually all of the more notorious ones for which Barker and Karpis or Dillinger henchmen were responsible.

HELD LOOT

Sawyer, it was understood, was holding for Van Meter his share of the loot in the Sioux Falls, S. D., bank robbery of last year while the gang prepared for a raid on a Mason City, Ia., bank. After the second robbery Van Meter returned here to get his money.

Failing to find Sawyer, he pressed his claim with several of Sawyer's henchmen. Either Sawyer himself, according to authorities, or one of his lieutenants, gave police the tip that resulted in the slaying of Van Meter last September.

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STAR BREMER WITNESS TO TESTIFY TODAY

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—(P)—The government today planned to call to the stand one of its leading witnesses, Byron Bolton of Chicago, in the federal court trial of ten persons charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Bolton, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy at the opening of the trial April 15, was the reputed machine-gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, which is accused of abducting Bremer.

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Death Threats to Aids Told in Bremer Trial

ST. PAUL, May 3.—(AP)—Evidence designed to show that the Barker-Karpis gang threatened death to the mother, brother and two nephews of Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill., in whose home Edward G. Bremer was held twenty-one days, "if anything goes wrong" was brought out in cross examination of William C. Ryan, Department of Justice agent, today in the Bremer kidnap trial.

Alderton has in his statement positively identified Arthur (Doc) Barker, Karpis, Fred Goetz, dead gangster, and Harry Campbell and William Weaver, both fugitives, as

members of the gang which participated in the kidnaping. Alderton said he received \$1,000 for using his home as the "hideout."

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SAWYER'S BOND SET AT \$100,000

Suspect in Bremer Kidnap-
ing Awaits Copy of St.
Paul Indictment.

By the Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, May 4.—The Federal Government, after long and silent search, has arrested "Omaha Harry" Sawyer, the man it says was the "finger" in the Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping.

Sawyer is being held here, awaiting arrival of a copy of his indictment from St. Paul, Minn., to which city he will probably be taken within the next few days.

"I haven't a chance to make the \$100,000 bond," said "Omaha Harry." He said he was ready to go to St. Paul without delay. Several others, accused of parts in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in 1934, are now on trial there.

Sawyer, variously known also as "Sea Lion," "Harry Sandlovitch," and "Harry J. Porche," was arraigned before a Federal commissioner today. He was brought here immediately following his arrest, which was accomplished quietly last night near Pass Christian, Miss., by Department of Justice agents.

Accompanying him here voluntarily and under no charge was his wife, Gladys.

UNITED STATES PRESSES CASE.

13 Suspects in Bremer Abduction Captured as Nine are Sought.

ST. PAUL, May 4 (AP).—Twenty-two indicted, 13 captured and 9 hunted was the tally tonight in the Government's relentless pursuit of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Thirteenth to be captured was Harry Sawyer, alleged "finger man" in the \$200,000 abduction. Ten of those held are being tried here. One, Byron Bolton, Chicago, who pleaded guilty as the trial opened, is to take the stand Monday as the Government's principal witness.

Sawyer is to be returned here for trial, but probably not at the current term of court. Among the accused, still hunted are public enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis, named by the Government with Arthur (Doc) Barker, now on trial, as co-leader in the abduction, and Harry Campbell, both counted among the Nation's most dangerous fugitive criminals.

Washington authorities said no trace had been found of either since they shot their way out of a trap several weeks ago in Atlantic City, N. J.

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KIDNAP SUSPECT CAPTURED

Sawyer Arrested in
Abduction of
Bremer

NEW ORLEANS, May 4 (U.S.). Harry Sawyer, charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minn., was held under \$100,000 bond here today while Government authorities moved rapidly to transfer him to Minnesota for trial.

Sawyer, object of a nationwide search for several months, was taken without a struggle by four Department of Justice men in Pass Christian, Miss., last night, brought here a few hours later and arraigned today before U. S. Commissioner R. H. Carter, jr.

Sawyer was captured on a tip given Federal agents by two Pass Christian officers, according to D. W. McGee, head of the Bureau of Investigation here and leader of the raiding squad.

The two officers who furnished the tip were named by McGee as Bill Simpson, a deputy sheriff, and A. C. De Metz, a motorcycle officer. Mr. McGee refused to name the Government agents who accompanied him.

The officers had been carrying on an intense search for Sawyer for several days, and last night while cruising through the streets of Pass Christian they discovered his car, which bore a Nebraska license plate, parked in front of a gambling house. They entered the building and identified Sawyer.

One of the agents placed a hand on Sawyer's shoulder and said:

"We want to talk to you."
Sawyer offered no resistance as he was led from the room. He was not armed. However, a search of his house where he and his wife had lived for several months revealed a small automatic, Mr. McGee said.

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night near Pass Christian, Miss., by Department of Justice agents.

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The arrest was made on information given Department of Justice agents by two Harrison County, Miss., peace officers. They said Sawyer had appeared on the Mississippi Gulf Coast last November and established a home for his wife and himself. He attracted attention by his lavish spending.

He was sitting in his automobile, which was parked in front of a Gulf Coast gambling house when the agents approached, and offered no resistance.

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Gangsters Await Bolton's Squeal

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 5 (I.N.S.) The story the entire underworld has been fearing is expected to be told tomorrow in Federal court by Byron Bolton when the Government reaches the climax of its case in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Bolton, machine-gunner, said by the Government to have explained the mystery of the St. Valentine's Day massacre, will accuse not only 10 persons on trial in the Bremer case, but gangland leaders much higher up.

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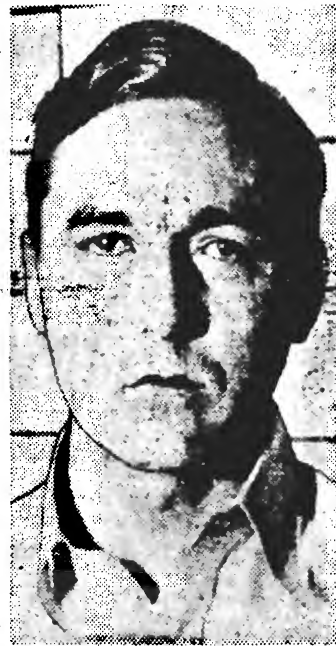
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MACHINE GUNNER TO DISCLOSE HERETOFORE UNTOLD DETAILS, CONCLUDE GOVERNMENT CASE

Star U. S. Witness



Testimony of BYRON BOLTON, machine-gunner member of the Barker-Karpis gang, is expected to conclude the government's case against the alleged kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, and probably will be the most damaging evidence against the 10 defendants now on trial.

Byron Bolton Will Take Stand Late Today To Testify Against Old Gang Pals.

With the calling of a self-admitted kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer as a witness, the government late today planned to complete the final link in the chain of evidence which it has forged against 10 persons on trial in federal district court for the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

Byron Bolton, only one of the persons arrested by the government in its investigation of the case to plead guilty, will take the witness stand this afternoon. He is expected to disclose heretofore unrevealed details of the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer on the morning of Jan. 17, 1934.

Bolton Admits Conspiracy.

According to reports, Mr. Bolton was one of the gang members who accosted Mr. Bremer at Goodrich and Lexington aves., beat him and took him from his car, releasing him only after 22 frantic days for relatives and payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Bolton has admitted conspiracy in the case but sentence has been deferred pending completion of the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates.

As court opened today, defense attorneys sought to break down the story of William C. Ryan, federal agent, concerning the statement of the case said to have been given him by Harold Alderton, one of the defendants.

Admit Excluding Statements.

Except for an admission by Mr. Ryan that he did not include certain statements made by Mr. Alderton because they were not made at the time of the original "confession," the defense failed to make much headway. Mr. Ryan denied that he had left a great many things out of the statement signed by the defendant.

Some statements also were excluded, the witness admitted, because they had no bearing on the case and because he (Ryan) did not want to go into Alderton's family history.

Agent Cross-Examined.

William C. Ryan, federal agent, was on the witness stand when court resumed today and he was cross-examined by Thomas McMeekin concerning the statement given to him by Harold Alderton, one of the defendants.

The witness testified that the defendant read each page of the statement before he signed them.

"Alderton said in his statement he went out every day to purchase groceries, going to Elmhurst as well as Bensenville?"

"Yes."

"Were you familiar with Farmer's statement when Alderton told you about the groceries?"

"Yes."

"Alderton insisted he himself bought the groceries?"

"Yes. That is what is in his statement."

"Did Alderton use the word 'snatch'?"

"Probably not."

"When you describe the bandage being in turban fashion, was that Alderton's word?"

"No, I don't think so."

The witness said he left out of the statement Alderton's remark that he felt he was being watched because he did not make it at the time the statement was taken. The witness denied that a great many things had been left out of the statement.

Afraid Of Gunmen?

"Didn't he tell you he was afraid of the men, with all their guns and machine guns?"

"He said he wasn't afraid of the

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Confessed Kidnaper To Tell Of Abduction

men, but that they had threatened him by saying that if he didn't believe it would be hard on his brother and family, and he didn't want anything to happen to them.

"Why didn't you put that in the statement?"

"I only put down what had a bearing on the case. This was to be a statement, and we didn't want to go wandering on into his family history."

"Didn't Alderton say to you that he was not afraid for himself because he didn't have long to live, as he was very sick?"

"He didn't mention his health to me."

On questioning by Mr. Sullivan, the witness said that when Farmer was brought in, Alderton accused him of having told the mob where his brother lived, and said that Farmer denied it.

"Then what?"

"Farmer was taken away, and then we told Alderton to take his time, think it over, and see if he didn't want to tell us all about it."

"Did you ask him if he wanted to sign a statement?"

"We did, and he said he would."

Identifies Alderton Statement.

R. S. Suran, Chicago agent of the federal investigation division, was called and testified that he also had talked with Alderton while Agent Ryan was there. He corroborated Ryan's testimony, and identified the Alderton statement.

On cross-examination by Mr. Matthews he testified they talked to Alderton "from 9 a. m. until 2 a. m. the next day."

"That means you talked to him more than 14 hours?"

"Not steadily. We had rests, and stopped to eat or drink coffee."

"Was the coffee to keep Alderton awake?"

"No, we just asked him if he wanted some."

Said He Was Afraid.

"Did you go into his financial status—his income?"

"Yes, he said he was broke, but drawing compensation."

"At that time didn't you tell him his government checks would stop?"

"Absolutely not."

"When you showed him Karpis' picture didn't he jump in his chair?"

"No. The only time he jumped was when Farmer came into the room."

"Didn't he ask the men if it was Bremer who was in the room?"

"My recollection is that he did."

"Did he tell you he was afraid?"

"Yes, he did say something about being afraid. I told him he had 22 days in which to get away, and he said 'I guess I was just a damn fool.'"

Thomas W. McEekin of defense counsel asked him whether he read over Alderton's statement and remembered any instances where Alderton disagreed with some of the statement.

"Yes, we changed several sentences at his suggestion before any writing was done."

"Why didn't you have Alderton write the statement?" inquired A. J. Hoffman, defense attorney.

"We always write them ourselves."

"Then why did you have Alderton sign each page?"

"To protect himself."

Kenneth McIntire, special agent and a previous witness, was recalled by the government.

"You assisted in taking Mr. Farmer in custody?"

"Yes, on Jan. 16, 1935, at Bensenville."

"You questioned him?"

"Yes, in the department of justice

offices, Chicago, with Agent Suran."

"Did you prepare a written statement?"

"Yes, shortly after Mr. Suran left the office, Farmer said he would make a statement."

He was shown government's exhibit No. 114 and identified it as the statement made by Farmer, with certain deletions. Farmer signed all pages including corrections made, the witness said.

Read To Farmer.

"When did you start writing?"

"About 10 a. m. and finished by 2 p. m. It was then read to Farmer in the presence of Agent Zimmer and signed by Farmer."

The statement was introduced and accepted as evidence, the judge admonishing the jury that it applied only to the defendant Farmer and not to anyone else on trial.

The statement follows:

"I was born in Prairie du Chien, Wis., and am 42 years old. I was raised in Chicago and have an 8th grade education. Have been associated with my brother in a Bensenville tavern. Known George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, for six or seven years. Met him through a rum runner friend. About two and one-half years ago, Goetz brought Monty Carter to visit me and I arranged a golf membership for them at the Mohawk Country club."

Introduced Alderton.

"I know Alderton. He was a switchman for the Milwaukee road. He was a disabled vet. I don't know Alderton's house but do know that Bremer was held there. Shortly before Christmas, 1933, Ziegler and Fred Barker came to my saloon. Barker and Ziegler said they wanted to keep some 'hot' people. I didn't know a place and they asked me how about Alderton. I went and got Alderton. Alvin Karpis was around several times before Bremer was kidnaped as I saw him. I was in Alderton's house several times be-

fore Bremer came. Alderton had five rooms. I didn't see any guns until after the middle of January. I saw Karpis, Fred Barker and Goetz around several times."

"In the middle of January I got a list of groceries from Alderton and bought them. Alderton told me a man was at his house whose head was hurt. When I took the beer, groceries and whisky after dark, I saw Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Doc Barker and Fred Barker there. There were two others I can't identify. I had previously met Doc Barker. I only stayed a few minutes but sensed they didn't want me to go into the next room."

Knew Man Was Bremer.

"Ziegler and Fred Barker came to see me a couple of days later taking me back to Alderton's but didn't do anything. This was repeated again a few nights later. I knew from newspapers that the man held was Bremer."

"About a week later I was at Alderton's house and saw a lot of machine guns. Almost always I saw Doc Barker there and Harry Campbell, Karpis and Fred Barker. I purchased groceries for them several times and visited the place three or four times a week while Bremer was there. The men used Bishop's ga-

"Several times Karpis told me they were going to take him back any day. Once I heard them say they had to hit Bremer on the head, splitting it open, because he wouldn't get out of the car."

"I got a \$1,000 bill from Ziegler after they left, which was about three weeks after they came. Ziegler told me it was to buy slot machines but I sensed it was meant for payment for my services."

Gave Alderton \$1,000.

By Mr. Sullivan:

"Did Farmer say he thought \$1,000 was a lot of money?"

"No. He said that was a small part of \$200,000."

"Did you talk to Farmer after he came to St. Paul?"

"Yes, after he came out of the grand jury. He said, 'I didn't tell you about the money I gave to Alderton. I got \$1,000 from Goetz to give to Alderton and I gave it to him.'"

"Did Farmer talk to you about seeing Doc Barker and Karpis?"

"Yes, on Jan. 16, 1935 after I had received the signed statement. He said he had seen Karpis, Doc, Ma and Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Russell Gibson and Willie Harrison in his tavern after Bremer had been released. Karpis had his fingers bandaged. Farmer told about scars on Barker's jaws where he had tried to have his faced lifted. Farmer also said he thought he could catch Volney Davis because he visited the tavern often. Davis had been in just after Christmas, 1934."

Mr. McMeekin started cross-examination.

Saw Him Later.

"I am going to try to clear up dates. The first time you saw him was Jan. 16, when you arrested him in Bensenville and took him to the Bankers' building? He was arrested at 7 a. m.?"

"Yes."

"When next did you talk to him?"

"I talked to him the first time until 3 p. m. and then went back and talked about 15 minutes more later in the day."

"You did not see him again in Chicago?"

"No."

"When did you see him in St. Paul?"

"I think it was Jan. 20 or 21, 1935 about four days after I saw him in Chicago. I saw him in this building as he left the courtroom. I only talked a couple of minutes."

The noon recess was ordered.

Some of the most damaging evidence of the trial was given Thursday

day when Wynona Burdette, pretty former member of the gang, placed almost every member of the Karpis-Barker mob in St. Paul Jan. 17, 1934, the day Mr. Bremer was kidnapped.

The sweetheart of Harry Campbell, fugitive member of the gang, told about the mob moving into St. Paul in the latter part of 1933 and remaining until the afternoon of the snatching.

She told the court and jury:

Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, "Doc" Barker, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, herself, George Goetz, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney came to St. Paul during the latter part of 1933.

On the first day of the mob's arrival in St. Paul a visit was paid to the home of Harry Sawyer, fugitive, and St. Paul's erstwhile gang lord.

She placed the mob within the shadows of the near-fatal shooting of Roy McCord, airplane radio operator on the early morning of Jan. 13, a few hours prior to a birthday celebration in her home.

Various couples in the mob scattered throughout the city, renting furnished apartments.

She received sudden orders to move on the afternoon of Jan. 17, a few hours after Mr. Bremer had been snatched.

Points Out Barker.

As her story was unfolded, one by one she linked various members of the mob including Jimmy Wilson and Ollie Berg, two of the defendants.

Her hand shaking, she timidly pointed to Arthur Barker, Wilson and Berg, three of the defendants in the courtroom, as gang members who at one time or other she saw in her apartment at St. Paul, Chicago, Toledo, Cleveland or Sandusky, O.

She identified pictures of Harry

Sawyer, William Weaver, Willie Harrison, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell as others who at different times had dealings with other gang members.

Not Cross-Examined.

Her testimony was so convincing the defense took no chances with her on cross-examination. Not a single question was asked by defense attorneys.

The government then placed William C. Ryan, a G-man on the stand. From him a statement, allegedly given by Harold Alderton, another defendant, the government continued its march with evidence of the 22 days Bremer was held at Alderton's home in Bensenville, Ill.

Tense, her eyes filled with tears, Mrs. Edward G. Bremer sat in the courtroom and listened to George Sullivan, United States district attorney, read the statement to the jury.

Here the government linked Elmer Farmer as well as Alderton with other members in the gang. Thus in the three weeks of trial every defendant but Jess Doyle has been named as participants in the conspiracy to kidnap. Edna Murray's name entered for the first time Thursday in testimony of Miss Burdette.

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BREMER JURY HEARS GIRL

ST. PAUL, May 2.—(AP)—The confession of a defendant positively identifying Alvin Karpis and Arthur ("Doc") Barker as kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and the testimony of a 21-year-old girl imprisoned for her associations with members of the Karpis-Barker gang shared the spotlight today in the trial of ten persons charged with conspiracy in the abduction.

The confession, read to the jury by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, was that of Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville, Ill., home the St. Paul banker was held captive twenty-one days for \$200,000 ransom.

The girl, Wynona Burdette, former associate of Harry Campbell, a fugitive in the case, told of her acquaintance with virtually all the twenty-three persons indicted for the kidnaping, and said that she and several of them left St. Paul January 17, 1934, the day of the kidnaping. She was brought here to testify from Milan, Mich., where she is serving a five-year term in a federal prison for harboring gang members.

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U. S. TO DISMISS ITS CHARGE AGAINST 2 BREMER DEFENDANTS

St. Paul, May 2.—(AP)—The federal government will ask dismissal of charges against two of ten defendants on trial for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, it was learned from a reliable source tonight as the prosecution neared completion of its case.

Mrs. Edna [Rabbits] Murray, the "kissing bandit" who escaped from the Missouri prison while serving a 25 year term for robbery, and Jess



WYNONA
BURDETTE.

Doyle, Kansas City mobster and self confessed bank robber, will be absolved of connection with the \$200,000 Bremer abduction, it was learned.

The government's only hope of linking Doyle and Mrs. Murray with the conspiracy was through the testimony of Wynona Burdette, sweetheart of the fugitive Harry Campbell, but failing when she was on the stand today. It now prepared to ask the dismissal, it was reported.

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KIDNAP SUSPECT CAPTURED

Wash Herald 5/5/37
**Sawyer Arrested in
Abduction of
Bremer**

NEW ORLEANS, May 4 (U.S.). Harry Sawyer, charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minn., was held under \$100,000 bond here today while Government authorities moved rapidly to transfer him to Minnesota for trial.

Sawyer, object of a nationwide search for several months, was taken without a struggle by four Department of Justice men in Pass Christian, Miss., last night, brought here a few hours later and arraigned today before U. S. Commissioner R. H. Carter, jr.

Sawyer was captured on a tip given Federal agents by two Pass Christian officers, according to D. W. McGee, head of the Bureau of Investigation here and leader of the raiding squad.

The two officers who furnished the tip were named by McGee as Bill Simpson, a deputy sheriff, and A. C. De Metz, a motorcycle officer. Mr. McGee refused to name the Government agents who accompanied him.

The officers had been carrying on an intense search for Sawyer for several days, and last night while cruising through the streets of Pass Christian they discovered his car, which bore a Nebraska license plate, parked in front of a gambling house. They entered the building and identified Sawyer.

One of the agents placed a hand on Sawyer's shoulder and said:

"We want to talk to you."

Sawyer offered no resistance as he was led from the room. He was not armed. However, a search of his house where he and his wife had lived for several months revealed a small automatic, Mr. McGee said.

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BREMER KIDNAPING SUSPECT CAPTURED BY U. S. AGENTS

Justice Department An-
nounces Arrest of Harry
Sawyer in Mississippi.

TAKEN WHILE RIDING
IN AUTO WITH WIFE

Had Key Role in St. Paul Abduc-
tion and Is One of Five Mem-
bers of Karpis Gang.

BY REX COLLIER.

The Department of Justice today crossed another "public enemy" off its wanted list with the arrest in Pass Christian, Miss., of Harry Sawyer, ex-convict, declared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be one of the ringleaders in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul last year.

Sawyer was captured by special agents of the bureau's New Orleans office as he rode in an automobile with his wife along the fashionable Gulf Coast water front. Taken entirely by surprise, he surrendered meekly and agreed to return to St. Paul for trial.

In Bremer Kidnaping.

According to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, Sawyer had a "key" role in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and is one of the five members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang for whom the Government has been conducting a Nation-wide manhunt.

Fred Barker and his mother, member of the gang, recently were slain by agents in a gun battle near Miami. Eight others, including Arthur "Doc" Barker and John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, St. Paul politician, are on trial in St. Paul for the kidnaping.

Hoover said Sawyer had been traced to the Gulf resort recently and found to be operating a bar room and lottery in a disreputable section of the community. A deputy sheriff and State highway officer co-operated with the Federal agents.

Questioned on Kidnaping.

He was taken last night to New Orleans and questioned for hours about the kidnaping, which occurred January 17, 1934. Bremer was held prisoner for 21 days in a hideout only recently located by Justice agents. He was released after a bundle of \$200,000 in currency had been taken into a ditch in response to the ransom.

Before United States commissioners preparatory to his return to St. Paul. He has been indicted on charges of conspiracy to kidnap Bremer.

There are now only four other alleged members of the Karpis-Barker kidnap syndicate at large, Hoover said. They are Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel several months ago when police tried to arrest them, and Volney Davis and Willie Weaver. All are wanted for conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker.

Karpis and Campbell fled from the Miami fortress in which Fred and "Ma" Barker died a few hours before the place was raided by Federal men. It is possible that Sawyer also had been at the Miami hideout.

In Pass Christian Sawyer was using the name "Wright." He had not attempted to disguise himself otherwise.

Long Criminal Record.

Sawyer has a long criminal record, dating back to 1914, when he pleaded guilty to robbing offices of the Standard Oil Co. at Lincoln, Nebr. He was paroled immediately under a 3-year-sentence. Subsequently he was convicted of grand larceny and has been arrested from time to time on charges ranging from robbery to bond jump- ing.

The bureau declares he fled from St. Paul about February 7, 1934, the date of Bremer's release by his captors. When arrested in Mississippi he was driving a car with a Nebraska tag.

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Relates Tale Of Traveling With Gunmen

**Brunet Testifies She
Visited St. Paul Few
Weeks Before Bremer
Crime.**

How leaders of the Karpis-Barker gang moved about in St. Paul with impunity a short time before the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping was described in United States district court by a pretty, 21-year-old brunet, a former member of the gang, who appeared to testify against 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

The witness was Wynona Burdette, girl friend of the fugitive Harry Campbell. She was brought to the trial from the women's reformatory at Milan, Mich., where she is serving a term of up to five years for harboring Alvin Karpis and Campbell at the Florida hideout where Fred Barker and his mother were killed by federal agents.

Is Ill At Ease.

Wearing an attractive blue-weaved dress, white hat, white shoes and white gloves, the pretty brunet mounted the stand after cross-examination of John L. Madala, 25-year-old federal agent who was recalled to tell of the statement given by James Wilson, one of the defendants, was completed.

Ill at ease and speaking in a voice barely audible to attorneys only a few feet away, Miss Burdette fingered a handkerchief nervously as she testified. Not once did she turn her eyes toward the defendants.

Visited Underworld Boss.

She stared impassively at the floor and frequently the court reporter was called upon to read her answers when the attorneys did not catch them. She told a vivid story of the travels of the gang members, how they moved about St. Paul, how they paid a visit to Harry Sawyer, another fugitive and former underworld boss of the city.

With George Sullivan, United States district attorney, putting the questions, the witness testified she first came to the city in September of 1933 with Fred and Doc Barker and Harry Campbell. They went immediately to the apartment of William Weaver.

Returned To St. Paul.

Soon after the arrival in the city, she testified, the gang left for Reno and there they met other members of the mob. Later all returned to St. Paul.

Members of the gang who returned to the city from Reno included Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, his girl friend; Harry Campbell, Edna Murray, a defendant; Volney Davis, Delores Delaney, girl friend of Alvin Karpis; Karpis, Doc Barker, and a fellow named George, identified as George Ziegler, alias George Goetz, killed in Chicago.

The very night they returned, Miss Burdette said, she, Harry, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon paid a 30-minute visit to the house of Harry Sawyer.

She traced various movements of the gang and told of seeing Volney Davis with a Chevrolet coupe the day Mr. Bremer was kidnaped. Such a car was used in delivering the ransom money to the gang.

Madala Resumes Stand.

J. L. Madala, federal agent, returned to the stand for redirect examination. George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, put the questions.

"You said you talked to Wilson at Spring Valley, Nov. 26, 1934?"

"I told him I had talked to Mr. Berg and h. (Berg) had given me a

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Tells Gang Moves



Avoiding the eyes of her former friends, now on trial for the Bremer kidnaping, WYNONA BURDETTE, gangster "moll," today whispered a blasting story of their activities from the witness stand in federal district court.

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Girl Says Gang Went About With Impunity

lot of information that he (Wilson) had not."

"Did you say anything Berg told you about McLaughlin?"

The defense objected to the question on the grounds the answer would be hearsay. Mr. Helsey explained he was not trying to connect McLaughlin and that the question was material in connection with the defendant Wilson. The objection then was overruled.

"I told Mr. Wilson that Mr. Berg had told me that Dr. Moran told him (Berg) that Wilson had given Dr. Moran the lead as to McLaughlin and Wilson admitted he did as he knew McLaughlin had been in the racket before. I asked Wilson if he had received a split of Dr. Moran's commission but Wilson said he did not receive a cent but Dr. Moran had promised he would send him to school as soon as the deal was completed."

"Did Wilson indicate to you that he was present when commissions were split?"

Barker Was In Hotel

"Yes. He said he was in the hotel room on two or three occasions and saw Slim, Berg and Moran split the money. Wilson understood that Moran got 12 per cent commission. Moran got six to split three ways. McLaughlin got the other six. I told him Berg told me it was 12 1/2 per cent but Wilson said he understood it to be 12 per cent."

"Now with regard to Fred Barker and Karpis being in a hotel room at the Irving hotel. Did Wilson say he had anything to do with it?"

"He said when Barker and Karpis were in room 234, Irving hotel, he went in several times with medical supplies. The bell hop never was permitted to enter the room."

"At anytime before Nov. 26 did you make a trip with Wilson to Aurora, Ill.?"

"Sept. 27, 1934. He was to point out the two houses he visited with Slim Evans (Russell Gibson). He pointed out 'Bill's' home (William Weaver), 411 Claim st. It was a two-story, large frame house. He pointed out Curley's (Volney Davis) four address but wasn't sure at which one he lived. One of the addresses was 415 Fox st., also in Aurora."

Federal Agents Slain

Thomas Newman started to cross-examine the witness.

The witness admitted under questioning that Wilson talked freely and did not appear to evade questions.

"You had a talk with Jimmie's mother before and told her that you owed Jimmie \$20 and that you were a patient of Dr. Moran's?"

"Yes. I was under cover at the time looking for Jimmie."

"Didn't you feel that you had a load on your mind what with all you knew of the case, all Berg had told you and all Jimmie told you?"

"Didn't you feel it important to put it in writing?"

"I intended to go back and question him the next day."

"Why didn't you?"

"Hollis and Cowley (agents) were killed (by Baby Face Nelson) and I worked on that case for a month."

Didn't Believe Him

"Why didn't you write down what he said at the time?"

"To be frank with you, I didn't believe him."

"You don't believe him now, do you?"

No, I don't

Eugene Matthews started to cross-examine the witness.

"Ollie (Berg) was just a guard, according to Jimmie? Is that right?"

"Yes. Jimmie called him a protector."

"How long after you saw Berg in Joliet did you see Jimmie?"

"I saw Berg Nov. 22 and Jimmie Nov. 26."

Thought Berg Told Truth

Mr. Helsey resumed redirect examination.

"You say you saw Jimmy's mother?"

"Yes. I told her I was a friend of his and wanted to pay him \$25."

"Did she tell you where he was?"

"No, it didn't work."

"You say you don't believe Jimmy?"

"I believed Berg was telling me the truth but Jimmy wasn't."

The answer was stricken after a defense objection.

Mr. Newman again started cross-examination.

"I understood you were afraid Jimmy was going to rush away and that is why you didn't tell his mother who you were?"

"He wasn't home and he was supposed to report to us every week and he had failed then. I asked his mother where he was and she said he was out of town."

"Jimmie never tried to run away did he?"

"I don't know. I think he did."

"Now, let's see after he had made a statement and was released and he was in Denver, Colo., he called the agents there and told them he would either come over or to send a man over to the hotel?"

"Yes."

"Didn't he tell you this school arrangement was made long before the kidnaping?"

"That's right."

"He didn't say he expected the kidnap money?"

"No."

Mr. Helsey resumed redirect examination.

Released By Purvis

"When did Purvis (Chicago chief agent) release Jimmy?"

"Sept. 7. He reported once. After that we had to find him. We finally located him Sept. 22 in Tabernack, Colo. He was brought back by an agent from Chicago and was released about a week later after he had made a statement."

More cross-examination by Mr. Newman followed.

"He told you he was going to Spring Valley from Chicago?"

"Yes."

"He did, didn't he?"

"I guess so."

"You found him there two months later?"

"Yes."

"By what authority did your office ask Jimmy to report? He was under arrest or subpoena?"

"I don't know what arrangements Jimmy had made with Mr. Hollis."

"He didn't have to report did he?"

"I told you I don't know what arrangements he had made."

Aurora Man Testifies.

"He went to Colorado to get a job as a chemist, didn't he?"
"I believe he did say something like that."

"Then why did you think it was suspicious that he should get a job in Colorado?"

"Because he was supposed to report in Chicago every week and he didn't."

This concluded examination of Mr. Madala and he was excused.

Frank J. Burkel, Aurora, Ill., who owns property at 415 Fox st. and 411 Claim st., was the next witness. He identified a picture of William Weaver as the man who lived at 50 S. 4th st., under the name of William Thornton from March 16 to March 30.

Later Weaver moved to 411 Claim st. and left there unexpectedly April 29. A defense objection prevented the witness telling what he found in the place after Weaver had departed. He also identified a picture of Volney Davis as the man who lived at 415 Fox st., under the name of Curley Hanson. He also left the residence April 29.

"Moll" Goes On Stand.

Burkel was excused without cross-examination.

Wynona Burdette, moll of Harry Campbell, was called to the stand. She was questioned by George Sullivan.

"In the latter part of 1933, were you in St. Paul?"

"Yes, with Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Harry Campbell. We stopped at Bill Weaver's flat."

"What was the date you arrived in St. Paul?"

"Some time in September. We left here and went to Reno."

"When did you come back?"

"In November."

"Who was with you then?"

"Fred Barker, Poula Harmon, Harry Campbell, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Delores Delaney, Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker."

"Where did you go?"

"Harry went to Weaver's flat."

"Did you visit Harry Sawyer?"

Identifies Picture.

"Harry, Fred, Poula and myself went out and stayed about 30 minutes. We stayed with Weaver two days and then went to the Capitol apartments with Harry Campbell."

She was shown government's exhibit No. 112 and was asked if she recognized it.

"That's George." (George Ziegler, or Goetz, killed in Chicago.)

"Who all did you go with in St. Paul?"

"Fred Barker, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Delores Delaney and George."

Davis Lived Here.

"Volney Davis arrived in St. Paul in December shortly after you did?"

"Yes. He lived with Edna Murray at the Edgemoor apartments."

"Poula and Fred Barker came then too. Where did they live?"

"On Grand ave., 628 I think, at the Dale apartments."

"Bill Weaver, where did he live?"

"He lived with Myrtle Eaton. I don't know where."

"And Doc Barker?"

"He was here for sometime but I don't know where."

"On Christmas, 1933 did you see any of your friends?"

"Edna Murray and Volney Davis at their home."

"New Year's day, where were you?"

"At the Davis and Murray apartment."

"Was anyone else there?"

"No."

"Jan. 13, 1934, what happened then? State how you recall it."

"It's my birthday and Poula and Freddie gave me a party. Doc Barker, George, Harry Campbell and I were there."

"In the evening?"

"Yes. I stayed there all night with Harry, Freddie and Poula."

"Did any one leave the apartment that day?"

"Freddie and Harry. They said they would see us in a couple of days. They left about 9 a. m."

"Where did you spend the night?"

"Checked out at Midnight."

"With Poula at the Grand ave. apartment."

"When did you leave?"

"On the 15th I checked out of the Capitol and went back to Poula's."

"Why did you check out of the Capitol?"

"Poula told me to. I checked out about midnight of the 15th, driving Harry Campbell's car there alone."

"You returned to Poula's and stayed the rest of the night there?"

"Yes. I brought three grips of Harry's and my clothes back with me."

"What did you do?"

"I took a cab first from the Capitol, about a block and then waited till it was out of sight before going back to my car."

"When next did you see Freddie?"

"I saw him the day he left St. Paul on the 16th but I didn't see Harry again."

"Did he talk to you?"

"Yes. He asked me to bake a chicken and I said I would and did."

Started For Chicago.

"When Fred asked you to make the chicken where were you?"

"In the kitchen. I made the chicken."

"When did you next see Fred?"

"Later that day."

"What did Fred do when he came?"

"He took the chicken and went away."

"Going back to the time when Harry Campbell and Freddie left the apartment, was there anyone else with them?"

"No."

"After Fred got the chicken what did you do?"

"We stayed there."

"When did Fred come back?"

"About 10 or 11 a. m. Jan. 17."

"Did you talk with him?"

"He said we were moving to Chicago."

"This talk with Freddie was about noon?"

"Yes, he stayed long enough to drink a cup of coffee."

"Then what did you do?"

"Poula and I got our things ready and started for Chicago."

"Did you see Volney Davis Jan. 17?"

Met Edna Murray.

"Yes, at Poula's apartment."

"Did you have a talk with Volney?"

"No."

"What auto did you use when you left?"

"Chevrolet coupe in the afternoon of Jan. 17."

"What then?"

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TELLS OF VISITS BEFORE BREMER WAS KIDNAPED

Says Karpis, Barkers, Camp-
bell and Davis Were Here
Late in 1933.

WOMEN ALSO IN PARTY

Wynona Burdette, on Stand in
Trial, Says Group Called
on Harry Sawyer.

A gangster's young sweetheart
took the witness stand in Federal
court here today and told how St.
Paul was invaded
by a small army
of the country's
toughest mobsters
prior to the kid-
naping of Edward
G. Bremer.

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Wynona Burdette,
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of Oklahoma, for-
mer radio singer
and sweetheart of
Harry Campbell,
one of the gang-
sters now being
sought for the
Bremer abduction.



She also told of the gangster
activities here—both social and
otherwise—leading up to and fol-
lowing the crime.

The "big shot" gangsters and their
women she named as coming here
the latter part of 1933 included
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Arthur (Doc) Barker, Volney Davis,
Edna (Habbits) Murray, Paula Har-
mon and Dolores Delaney. She said
William Weaver, another mob
"heavy," was here when they ar-
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of still another notorious gangster,
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Five Are Fugitives

Of those also mentioned, Karpis, Campbell, Davis, Weaver and Sawyer still are fugitives; Fred Barker was slain later by Federal agents, and Paula Harmon, his sweetheart, is at liberty; Ziegler, said to be one of the killers in the St. Valentine's day massacre in Chicago, has been "rubbed out" by gangster gung; and Doc Barker and Mrs. Murray, the latter known as "the kissing bandit," are among ten defendants in the Bremer kidnaping trial, in which Miss Burdette testified.

The Burdette girl and Miss Delaney are serving sentences in Federal women's reformatories for harboring Campbell and Karpis in Florida, having been arrested when the gangsters shot their way from a Federal trap in January in Atlantic City.

Of dark complexion and with a dimple in her chin, Miss Burdette wore a green knitted dress and white felt hat, tipped to one side. Questioned by George A. Halsey, assistant United States District attorney, she spoke in tones so low they were scarcely heard by the spectators.

Tells of First Visit

After answering routine questions regarding her age and place of birth, the girl said she first came to St. Paul in September, 1933, with Campbell and the two Barkers and that they stayed at Weaver's apartment here, the address of which she did not know.

The party remained here a short time, she said, and then went to Reno, Nev., but returned to St. Paul the following November.

This was the first "invasion" before the Bremer kidnaping, which was staged January 17, 1934. It was during the preceding November and December that the prosecution contends members of the Barker-Karpis mob gathered here and laid their plans.

On the return journey, the Burdette girl said, she rode in an automobile with Campbell, while Fred Barker and his sweetheart, Paula Harmon, to whom she referred merely as "Paula," rode in another. Other members of the invading party included Karpis, Davis, Doc Barker, the Delaney girl and Mrs.

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Relates Tale Of Traveling With Gunmen

**Brunet Testifies She
Visited St. Paul Few
Weeks Before Bremer
Crime.**

How leaders of the Karpis-Barker gang moved about in St. Paul with impunity a short time before the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping was described in United States district court by a pretty, 21-year-old brunet, a former member of the gang, who appeared to testify against 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

The witness was Wynona Burdette, girl friend of the fugitive Harry Campbell. She was brought to the trial from the women's reformatory at Milan, Mich., where she is serving a term of up to five years for harboring Alvin Karpis and Campbell at the Florida hideout where Fred Barker and his mother were killed by federal agents.

Is Ill At Ease!

Wearing an attractive blue-weaved dress, white hat, white shoes and white gloves, the pretty brunet mounted the stand after cross-examination of John L. Madala, 26-year-old federal agent who was recalled to tell of the statement given by James Wilson, one of the defendants, was completed.

Ill at ease and speaking in a voice barely audible to attorneys only a few feet away, Miss Burdette fingered a handkerchief nervously as she testified. Not once did she turn her eyes toward the defendants.

Visited Underworld Boss.

She stared impassively at the floor and frequently the court reporter was called upon to read her answers when the attorneys did not catch them. She told a vivid story of the travels of the gang members, how they moved about St. Paul, how they paid a visit to Harry Sawyer, another fugitive and former underworld boss of the city.

With George Sullivan, United States district attorney, putting the questions, the witness testified she first came to the city in September of 1933 with Fred and Doc Barker and Harry Campbell. They went immediately to the apartment of William Weaver.

Returned To St. Paul.

Soon after the arrival in the city, she testified, the gang left for Reno and there they met other members of the mob. Later all returned to St. Paul.

Members of the gang who returned to the city from Reno included Fred Barker, Poula Harmon, his girl friend; Harry Campbell, Edna Murray, a defendant; Volney Davis, Delores Delaney, girl friend of Alvin Karpis; Karpis, Doc Barker, and a fellow named George, identified as George Ziegler, alias George Goetz, killed in Chicago.

The very night they returned, Miss Burdette said, she, Harry, Fred Barker and Poula Harmon paid a 30-minute visit to the house of Harry Sawyer.

She traced various movements of the gang and told of seeing Volney Davis with a Chevrolet coupe the day Mr. Bremer was kidnaped. Such a car was used in delivering the ransom money to the gang.

Madala Resumes Stand.

J. L. Madala, federal agent, returned to the stand for redirect examination. George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney put the questions.

"You said you talked to Wilson at Spring Valley, Nov. 26, 1934?"

"I told him I had talked to Mr. Berg and he (Berg) had given me a

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Tells Gang Moves



Avoiding the eyes of her former friends, now on trial for the Bremer kidnaping, WYNONA BURDETTE, gangster "moll," today whispered a blasting story of their activities from the witness stand in federal district court.

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Girl Says Gang Went About With Impunity

lot of information that he (Wilson) had not."

"Did you say anything Berg told you about McLaughlin?"

The defense objected to the question on the grounds the answer would be hearsay. Mr. Halsey explained he was not trying to connect McLaughlin and that the question was material in connection with the defendant Wilson. The objection then was overruled.

"I told Mr. Wilson that Mr. Berg had told me that Dr. Moran told him (Berg) that Wilson had given Dr. Moran the lead as to McLaughlin and Wilson admitted he did as he knew McLaughlin had been in the racket before. I asked Wilson if he had received a split of Dr. Moran's commission but Wilson said he did not receive a cent but Dr. Moran had promised he would send him to school as soon as the deal was completed."

"Did Wilson indicate to you that he was present when commissions were split?"

Barker Was In Hotel

"Yes. He said he was in the hotel room on two or three occasions and saw Slim, Berg and Moran split the money. Wilson understood that Moran got 12 per cent commission. Moran got six to split three ways. McLaughlin got the other six. I told him Berg told me it was 12 1/2 per cent but Wilson said he understood it to be 12 per cent."

"Now with regard to Fred Barker and Karpis being in a hotel room at the Irving hotel. Did Wilson say he had anything to do with it?"

"He said when Barker and Karpis were in room 234, Irving hotel, he went in several times with medical supplies. The bell hop never was permitted to enter the room."

"At anytime before Nov. 26 did you make a trip with Wilson to Aurora, Ill.?"

"Sept. 27, 1934. He was to point out the two houses he visited with Slim Evans (Russell Gibson). He pointed out 'Bill's' home (William Weaver), 411 Claim st. It was a two-story, large frame house. He pointed out Curley's (Volney Davis) four addresses but wasn't sure at which one he lived. One of the addresses was 415 Fox st., also in Aurora."

Federal Agents Slain

Thomas Newman started to cross-examine the witness.

The witness admitted under questioning that Wilson talked freely and did not appear to evade questions.

"You had a talk with Jimmie's mother before and told her that you owed Jimmie \$20 and that you were a patient of Dr. Moran's?"

"Yes. I was under cover at the time looking for Jimmie."

"Didn't you feel that you had a load on your mind what with all you knew of the case, all Berg had told you and all Jimmie told you? Didn't you feel it important to put it in writing?"

"I intended to go back and question him the next day."

"Why didn't you?"

"Hollis and Cowley (agents) were killed (by Baby Face Nelson) and I worked on that case for a month."

"Didn't Believe Him."

"Why didn't you write down what he said at the time?"

"To be frank with you, I didn't believe him."

"You don't believe him now, do you?"

"No, I don't."

Eugene Matthews started to cross-examine the witness.

"Ollie (Berg) was just a guard, according to Jimmie? Is that right?"

"Yes. Jimmie called him a protector."

"How long after you saw Berg in Joliet did you see Jimmie?"

"I saw Berg Nov. 22 and Jimmie Nov. 26."

Thought Berg Told Truth.

Mr. Halsey resumed redirect examination.

"You say you saw Jimmy's mother?"

"Yes. I told her I was a friend of his and wanted to pay him \$25."

"Did she tell you where he was?"

"No, it didn't work."

"You say you don't believe Jimmy?"

"I believed Berg was telling me the truth but Jimmy wasn't."

The answer was stricken after a defense objection.

Mr. Newman again started cross-examination.

"I understood you were afraid Jimmy was going to rush away and that is why you didn't tell his mother who you were?"

"He wasn't home and he was supposed to report to us every week and he had failed then. I asked his mother where he was and she said he was out of town."

"Jimmie never tried to run away did he?"

"I don't know. I think he did."

"Now, let's see after he had made a statement and was released and he was in Denver, Colo., he called the agents there and told them he would either come over or to send a man over to the hotel?"

"Yes."

"Didn't he tell you this school arrangement was made long before the kidnaping?"

"That's right."

"He didn't say he expected the kidnap money?"

"No."

Mr. Halsey resumed redirect examination.

Released By Purvis.

"When did Purvis (Chicago chief agent) release Jimmy?"

"Sept. 7. He reported once. After that we had to find him. We finally located him Sept. 22 in Tabernash, Colo. He was brought back by an agent from Chicago and was released about a week later after he had made a statement."

More cross-examination by Mr. Newman followed.

"He told you he was going to Spring Valley from Chicago?"

"Yes."

"He did, didn't he?"

"I guess so."

"You found him there two months later?"

"Yes."

"By what authority did your office ask Jimmy to report? He was under arrest or subpoena?"

"I don't know what arrangements Jimmy had made with Mr. Hollis."

"He didn't have to report did he?"

"I told you I don't know what arrangements he had made."

Aurora Man Testifies.

"He went to Colorado to get a job as a chemist, didn't he?"

"I believe he did say something like that."

"Then why did you think it was suspicious that he should get a job in Colorado?"

"Because he was supposed to report in Chicago every week and he didn't."

This concluded examination of Mr. Madala and he was excused.

Frank J. Burkel, Aurora, Ill., who owns property at 415 Fox st. and 411 Claim st., was the next witness. He identified a picture of William Weaver as the man who lived at 80 E. 4th st., under the name of William Thornton from March 16 to March 20.

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Later Weaver moved to 411 Claim st. and left there unexpectedly April 29. A defense objection prevented the witness telling what he found in the place after Weaver had departed. He also identified a picture of Volney Davis as the man who lived at 415 Fox st., under the name of Curley Hanson. He also left the residence April 29.

"Moll" Goes On Stand.

Burkel was excused without cross-examination.

Wynona Burdette, moll of Harry Campbell, was called to the stand. She was questioned by George Sullivan.

"In the latter part of 1933, were you in St. Paul?"

"Yes, with Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Harry Campbell. We stopped at Bill Weaver's flat."

"What was the date you arrived in St. Paul?"

"Some time in September. We left here and went to Reno."

"When did you come back?"

"In November."

"Who was with you then?"

"Fred Barker, Poula Harmon, Harry Campbell, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Delores Delaney, Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker."

"Where did you go?"

"Harry went to Weaver's flat."

"Did you visit Harry Sawyer?"

Identifies Picture.

"Harry, Fred, Poula and myself went out and stayed about 30 minutes. We stayed with Weaver two days and then went to the Capitol apartments with Harry Campbell."

She was shown government's exhibit No. 112 and was asked if she recognized it.

"That's George." (George Ziegler, or Goetz, killed in Chicago.)

"Who all did you go with in St. Paul?"

"Fred Barker, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Delores Delaney and George."

Davis Lived Here.

"Volney Davis arrived in St. Paul in December shortly after you did?"

"Yes. He lived with Edna Murray at the Edgumbe apartments."

"Poula and Fred Barker came then too. Where did they live?"

"On Grand ave., 628 I think, at the Dale apartments."

"Bill Weaver, where did he live?"

"He lived with Myrtle Eaton. I don't know where."

"And Doc Barker?"

"He was here for sometime but I don't know where."

"On Christmas, 1933 did you see any of your friends?"

"Edna Murray and Volney Davis at their home."

"New Year's day, where were you?"

"At the Davis and Murray apartment."

"Was anyone else there?"

"No."

"Jan. 13, 1934, what happened then? State how you recall it."

"It's my birthday and Poula and Freddie gave me a party. Doc Barker, George, Harry Campbell and I were there."

"In the evening?"

"Yes. I stayed there all night with Harry, Freddie and Poula."

"Did any one leave the apartment that day?"

"Freddie and Harry. They said they would see us in a couple of days. They left about 9 a. m."

"Where did you spend the night?"

"Checked out at Midnight. With Poula at the Grand ave. apartment."

"When did you leave?"

"On the 15th I checked out of the Capitol and went back to Poula's."

"Why did you check out at the Capitol?"

"Poula told me to. I checked out about midnight of the 15th, driving Harry Campbell's car there alone."

"You returned to Poula's and stayed the rest of the night there?"

"Yes. I brought three grips of Harry's and my clothes back with me."

"What did you do?"

"I took a cab first from the Capitol for about a block and then waited till it was out of sight before going back to my car."

"When next did you see Freddie?"

"I saw him the day he left St. Paul on the 16th but I didn't see Harry again."

"Did he talk to you?"

"Yes. He asked me to bake a chicken and I said I would and did."

"Started For Chicago.

"When Fred asked you to make the chicken where were you?"

"In the kitchen. I made the chicken."

"When did you next see Fred?"

"Later that day."

"What did Fred do when he came?"

"He took the chicken and went away."

"Going back to the time when Harry Campbell and Freddie left the apartment, was there anyone else with them?"

"No."

"After Fred got the chicken what did you do?"

"We stayed there."

"When did Fred come back?"

"About 10 or 11 a. m. Jan. 17."

"Did you talk with him?"

"He said we were moving to Chicago."

"This talk with Freddie was about noon?"

"Yes, he stayed long enough to drink a cup of coffee."

"Then what did you do?"

"Poula and I got our things ready and started for Chicago."

"Did you see Volney Davis Jan. 17?"

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"Yes, at Poula's apartment."

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The witness was pretty Wynona Burdette, former member of the gang as the sweetheart of Harry Campbell who was brought from the women's reformatory at Milan, Mich., to testify for the government at the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine associates for conspiracy to kidnap.

In a voice barely audible the 21-year-old beauty told how the gang fled from Chicago to Toledo, from there to a lake near Sandusky, O., and thence to Cleveland where members of the mob including Harry Sawyer barely escaped capture.

Several women members of the gang were jailed.

Mrs. Edward G. Bremer and her father H. A. Esswein were in court after the noon recess. They listened intently to the testimony of the mild-mannered brunet who is serving a five-year term in the Milan institution for harboring Campbell and Karpis in Florida.

Miss Burdette identified pictures of members of the gang and then was excused after the defense, much to the surprise of courtroom observers, said there would be no cross-examination.

An argument over a statement said to have been made by Harold Alderton concerning the time Mr. Bremer was held captive then followed with attorneys and Judge M. M. Joyce in conference.

The conference followed calling of William C. Ryan, federal agent, who was ready to testify concerning a statement he had with Alderton Jan. 18, 1935 at Chicago.

Hands Bandaged Three Months.

Wynona Burdette resumed the stand as the afternoon session opened. She was being questioned by George Sullivan, United States district attorney.

"Can you tell us just when Jimmy came to Toledo?"

"Latter part of May."

"Did he remain in your house?"

"Yes. He stayed there until July."

"What was he doing there?"

"I don't know."

"Was the man you know as a doctor there?"

"Yes, he took care of them. He was staying at Freddie's (Barkers)."

"How long were their hands bandaged?"

"Until June."

"What did Jimmie do?"

"He helped me in the kitchen and other housework."

"After the bandages were removed from Doc Barker what did he do?"

Moved To Lake.

"I don't think he did anything."

"Did you move?"

"Yes, to a lake in July."

"You and Harry Campbell?"

"Yes."

"Who lived there with you?"

"Doc Barker."

"Any others around there?"

"Freddie, Paula, Weaver and Harrison, Edna, Volney and Myrtle."

"How long did you live at the lake?"

"Until the middle of August."

"What name was Harry Campbell using at the time?"

"I don't remember."

Picked Up By U. S. C.

"Where did you live?"

"In an apartment. We used the name of Wolcott, Harry and I. We stayed there until September. Doc Barker stayed with us the entire time."

"Where did you go next?"

"Well, I was picked up by the government then."

"Did you see Freddie Barker there then prior to your arrest?"

"Yes. He lived in Cleveland, too. I saw him almost every day. I saw Freddie Barker every day and Doc Barker every day."

"Did you see Volney Davis, Jimmie Wilson, Weaver when you were in Cleveland?"

"No."

"Did Doc Barker use any other names?"

"I never did know what names he used."

"Did you see Alvin Karpis in Cleveland?"

"Once. About a week before I was picked up. I saw him once before when we were out at the lake near Sandusky, O."

Points Out Wilson.

"Did you see Harry Sawyer?"

"No. I don't remember when but

I think it was two weeks before I was picked up."

"Do you know his wife?"

"Yes. Her name is Gladys. She was with him in Cleveland."

A picture of Bill Weaver was then shown to her and identified. She

in turn identified pictures of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, William Harrison, Harry Sawyer and Harry Campbell.

"Do you see the Jimmie about whom you have testified?"

"Yes" (pointing to Wilson).

"And Doc Barker about whom you have testified. Do you see him?"

"Yes" (pointing him out).

She then identified Berg.

There was no cross-examination.

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Names Kidnap Gang



Pretty Winona Burdette, now a convict but formerly a radio singer, yesterday linked the entire notorious Karpis-Barker kidnap gang with the abduction of Edward G. Bremer last year. Miss Burdette was testifying at a trial of ten alleged kidnap conspirators in St. Paul, Minn.

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Bremer Juror's "Measles" Just Plain Indigestion

Not all of the interest at the Bremer kidnaping trial of Barker-Karpis gangsters centers in the testimony of witnesses:

Jurors returned to their seats vastly relieved today when a physician reported that a rash plainly discernible on Earl Boatman of Plainview, one of the jurymen, wasn't measles. The jury's food diet doesn't agree with him, the doctor said, specifying a special menu.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, chief defendant in the case, is much interested in the outcome of a probate court suit he has filed against the federal government in Oklahoma. He wants the \$10,000 found in the purse of "Ma" Barker, his mother, and the \$4,000 from the pockets of

his brother, Fred, when they were slain by "G-men" in Florida early this year.

Not at all anxious to have the long-drawn-out trial end is Oliver (Lizzy) Berg, one of the money-changer defendants. He's enjoying a lot of privileges he doesn't get at his permanent residence: the Illinois state prison at Joliet, where he's serving a life term as an habitual criminal.

Tuesday was "family reunion day" for Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit." In the courtroom most of the day were her young son, her sister, Vinita Stacey, who is under indictment in Kansas City for the street shooting of Mrs. Frances Taylor, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mott Stanley.

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FEDERAL AGENT'S DRAMATIC STORY UNSHAKEN

Gives Vivid Tale



Handsome, youthful JOHN L. MADALA, 25-year-old government sleuth, gave the most sensational testimony heard at the trial in United States district court of 10 persons, charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer when he vividly narrated the confession of operations of the Karpis-Barker gang said to have been given to him orally by Oliver Berg, one of the defendants.

Little Effort By Defense To Hit Story

Star Government Witness Excused After Brief Cross Questioning In Bremer Trial.

His amazing story of the ramifications of the Karpis-Barker gang unshaken, John L. Madala, 25-year-old federal agent, left the witness stand at the trial of 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping after a very brief cross-examination today.

Courtroom observers had expected defense attorneys to fire hundreds of questions at the youthful agent in an effort to break down his sensational story linking Arthur (Doc) Barker and other "big shots" of the Karpis-Barker gang with the Bremer case.

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Madala based his narration on a confession said to have been given to him at the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet by Oliver Berg, one of the 10 on trial. It linked Doc Barker with efforts to exchange ransom money paid for the release of Mr. Bremer.

Move Not Explained.

Defense attorneys gave no explanation of their failure to cross-examine the witness at length.

Madala was followed on the witness stand today by Murray Falkner, another agent, who previously had been on the stand. He related a conversation he had with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin in the Cook county jail, Chicago, April 29 in which the Chicago political boss is said to have admitted exchange of \$50,000 of the ransom money.

Madala Back On Stand.

John L. Madala, federal agent, returned to the witness stand and Eugene Matthews, defense attorney, immediately resumed his cross-examination.

The government sleuth admitted he had presented Oliver Berg with a transcript of a talk the two had concerning the Bremer case but denied that he had told the defendant he would go free if he signed it and remain in prison if he didn't.

Mr. Matthews then started to question the youthful federal agent about the story he told on direct examination and after several questions the attorney halted and with George Halsey, assistant United States attorney and the court reporter, went into conference with Judge M. M. Joyce.

Agent Made Notes.

After the conference ended, Robert Rensch started to cross-examine the witness but immediately turned him over to Thomas McMeekin.

Replying to questions the witness admitted he was somewhat surprised that Berg talked with him

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about the Bremer case and so made notes of the conversation. He said the notes were destroyed after they had been transcribed into a statement.

The witness said that Berg mentioned room 211 in the Irving hotel frequently but that he, Madala, never checked at the hotel to learn who did occupy the room. He admitted he had no definite knowledge of the occupant. He said the typewritten report of the conversation was not a verbatim report but a resume of the talk.

Mr. Matthews then asked the witness how many times he visited the Joliet penitentiary, where Berg was, in November, 1934 and the witness said twice. John DeCourcy, another member of the defense staff, had no questions and Mr. Halsey started his redirect examination of the witness.

Eyes Looked Same.

"You recall when you looked into Doc Barker's eyes yesterday?"

"Yes, they were brown."

"I mean how they looked. Do they look the same in the picture (Government's exhibit 109) as they do now?"

"Yes."

The witness was excused and Murray C. Falkner, special agent, was called to the stand. He was questioned about a talk he had with John J. (Boss) McLaughlin in the Cook county jail, Chicago, April 29, 1934.

"What did you do?"

Claimed Son Innocent.

"I asked him if he had any statement to make in regard to his son. Boss said his son was entirely innocent and knew nothing about the nature of the money."

"What was said about Vidler and Delaney?"

"He said they were with him on the deal."

"Was anything said about the money?"

"Boss said he had handled about \$50,000."

"Was anything said about the Irving hotel?"

"McLaughlin just said it was some hotel on Cicero and Irving Park blvd. He described Slim and Izzy, the two men from whom he got the money."

Thought It Ransom Cash.

"What else did he say?"

"He was of the opinion that it was either Hamm or Bremer ransom money."

"Did you ask him where the money came from?"

"He said it came from Slim and

Izzy but he thought it came from some organized job."

"Did he mention any amount of money?"

"He said these men said there was \$100,000 on hand to be changed quickly and there was \$200,000 waiting to be exchanged. He believed that part of the Hamm money and the remaining \$200,000 included Hamm and Bremer money."

Under cross-examination of Mr. Rensch, Mr. Falkner said he did not make notes of his conversation.

"Who was first to mention Hamm or Bremer?"

"Mr. McLaughlin."

"Tell us how?"

Made Affirmative Answer.

"He said he questioned Slim and Izzy asking them if it was Hamm money and one of them made an affirmative answer."

"Did you ask him what made him think this gang was from Toledo?"

"He said he gained that impression from the talk between Slim and Izzy."

"You say, you didn't make notes at the jail?"

"No, because I knew of statements he had made to Agent Brown the day before."

"Then Brown had already told you what Boss McLaughlin had said on April 28?"

"Yes."

"Then you thought you could refresh your memory of what Boss

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Girl Singer Set to Bare Karpis Link

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'INSIDE' STORY TOLD AGAIN AT BREMER TRIAL

St. Paul, April 30 (AP).—The "inside" story of a nine-hour interview he had with Oliver Berg, one of 10 defendants charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was continued on the witness stand today by a federal agent.

On the witness stand late Monday John L. Madala, department of justice agent, quoted Berg as telling him that he was one of the guards of the \$200,000 kidnap ransom and received \$940 for his work.

Madala, who interviewed Berg when he was serving a life term in the Illinois state prison at Joliet, said he talked to him for four and one-half hours on Nov. 22, last, and for a similar period the following day.

ACCUSE McLAUGHLIN

Through Madala's testimony the government intends to show, George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, said that Arthur (Doc) Barker, reputed co-leader of the Barker-Karpis mob, hired Berg and Russell (Slim) Gibson, slain last January by federal agents, to guard Dr. Joseph P. Moran and the ransom money.

The prosecution further charges that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin exchanged the money through the agency of William Vidler, "bookie," and Philip Delaney, Chicago bartender.

A written confession of Vidler, detailing how he exchanged \$29,000 of the ransom at various Chicago banks during a four-day period last April, with McLaughlin and Delaney accompanying him, was introduced in evidence yesterday.

1 PER CENT SPLIT

Vidler, in his statement, claimed he received 1 per cent commission of the money he "peddled." When he was arrested he had \$3,000 in his possession, \$2,625 of which has been introduced in court as ransom money.

The government charges that Dr. Moran, who is a fugitive and charged with conspiracy in the case, and McLaughlin maintained quarters in a Chicago hotel for distribution of the ransom money.

Two witnesses in court yesterday pointed out James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. Moran, and McLaughlin and Berg as frequent visitors to Moran's room.

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'Bookie's' Story of Bremer Cash

Statement Admits Handling Ransom Money

ST. PAUL, April 29.—(AP)—The government today presented the statement of a Chicago "bookie," William Vidler, that he exchanged \$25,000 of ransom money for other currency as it sought to convict seven men in a plot to dispose of \$200,000 ransom obtained in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer.

Three others, including Arthur ("Doc") Barker, are on trial in Federal Court as the actual abductors.

The "bookie's" statement charged John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin had given him the money and said he received \$300 for changing the money at banks shortly after the Bremer kidnapping.

Vidler said he began "passing" the money on April 29, 1934, when he went to the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company and exchanged \$2,500; First National Bank, \$2,000; City National Bank, \$500; Builders National Bank, \$500; another unnamed bank, \$500.

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Confession Lists 7 in Bremer Crime

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, May 2.—A statement by a confessed associate, introduced by the Government today in the trial of Edward G. Bremer's alleged kidnapers, named Arthur (Doc) Barker and fugitive Alvin Karpis as two of the actual abductors.

The 17-word confession by Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville (Ill.) home, the banker was held by the gang for 21 days, was read to the jury by Federal District Attorney George Sullivan.

It linked with the crime in addition to Barker, a defendant, and Karpis, current public enemy No. 1, Byron Bolton who pleaded guilty when the trial opened April 15; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, a defendant; William Weaver and Harry Campbell, both at large, and Fred Goetz, alias George Bremer, killed by gangsters in Chicago after the Bremer kidnaping.

3D CONFESSION IS INTRODUCED IN BREMER TRIAL

Defense Trains Guns on Agent's Story.

St. Paul, Minn., April 29.—[Special.]—A third confession implicating defendants in the handling of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom was introduced by the government today as the trial of the ten entered its third week. All face possible life sentences.

The confession placed in evidence today was a signed statement from William Vidler, Chicago gambler, that he handled \$30,000 of the ransom money at a commission of \$300. The statement named John J. [Boss] McLaughlin and Philip Delaney, both of Chicago, as men with whom Vidler worked in disposing of the money.

Earlier in the day several hours of defense cross-examination had failed to shake a government witness' story of how a confession had been obtained from McLaughlin.

U. S. Agent Tells Story.

Vidler's confession was introduced through the testimony of L. D. Nichols, department of justice operative. He said that it had been given to him and Herman E. Hollis, an agent who later was slain in a fight with "Baby Face" Nelson, soon after Vidler's arrest nearly a year ago.

McLaughlin, the Vidler statement said, did not tell Vidler the source of the money beyond explaining that it was "good money," although "hot." "The arrangement was that I was to receive a 1 per cent commission on the money changed," Vidler was quoted as saying.

Vidler also was quoted as saying that the first he knew that the money was part of the Bremer ransom was when Melvin Purvis, department of justice chief in Chicago, told him. Vidler had about \$3,000 in his possession when arrested.

Maid Identifies Type.

A former maid at the Irving hotel, Mrs. Alvina Richman, 4041 Sheridan road, Chicago, late in the day identified McLaughlin, Oliver Berg, and James J. Wilson as three men she saw with Dr. Joseph P. Moran and "Slim" Gibson, now dead, in a room of the hotel in the middle of April, 1934.

She stepped from the stand to point out the three among the defendants. The prosecution alleges that McLaughlin, Berg, and Gibson received the Bremer money from Moran and peddled it through Vidler and Delaney. Moran, under indictment in the case here, is now a fugitive.

Introduction of his confession followed the attempts of defense attorneys to break down testimony of Ralph D. Brown, 31 year, old special agent, who last Friday began his story of how he had taken McLaughlin's confession.

As court resumed today Brown was questioned in detail regarding the conversations with McLaughlin in Cook county jail April 27, 1934. During his testimony Friday Brown testified McLaughlin made a reference to money paid for release of St. Paul kidnaping victim, William Hamm, wealthy brewer.

"Who first mentioned the Hamm money, you or McLaughlin?" Brown was asked. He replied that it was McLaughlin.

"Isn't it entirely possible you were the first one to mention the name Hamm?"

"No, the name of Hamm," Brown answered.

seried. probably mentioned the Bremer case but on the Hamm case.

Came After Confession.

Brown's conversation occurred, he testified, after the department of justice had obtained a written statement from Philip Delaney asserting that Delaney, McLaughlin and Vidler had exchanged thousands of dollars of the Bremer ransom.

In cross examination Robert V. Renach, attorney for McLaughlin, unsuccessfully tried to bring out that McLaughlin did not know he was handling Bremer money.

Brown, who secured both the Delaney and McLaughlin confessions, continually wore the smile that has been on his face since he first took the stand and did not lose it even when defense attorneys attempted to confuse him by a double crossfire of questions.

Brown is said to have led the federal agents who shot it out with Kate [Ma] Barker and her son, Fred, at the Florida hideout where the two were slain.

Defendants on Edge.

McLaughlin and the other defendants, including Arthur [Doc] Barker, sat on the edges of their chairs as the attempts to shake the young agent's testimony were made.

For Judge M. M. Joyce the eleventh day of the trial over which he is presiding had another significance. It was his fifty-eighth birthday, but activity of the trial left him little chance for celebrating. Joyce was born in Emmetsburg, Ia., and began the practice of law there, coming to Minnesota later. He has been on the federal bench since 1922.

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Got Part Of 'Cool' Cash, Sleuth Says Berg Told Him

Arthur (Doc) Barker received a part of the money exchanged for Edward G. Bremer ransom money, John L. Madala, federal agent, testified at the trial in United States district court late today at the trial of Barker and nine others on kidnap conspiracy charges.

The testimony was given by Madala as he continued his narration of the confession said to have been given to him by Oliver Berg, another of the defendants on trial.

Quoting Berg, Madala told the jury trying the 10 persons that Doc Barker and Volney Davis, a fugitive in the case, appeared in a room at the Irving hotel, Chicago, where the gang maintained headquarters while the ransom money was being exchanged and Barker asked if there had been any trouble exchanging the money.

Upon receiving a negative answer, Berg, according to the witness, quoted Barker as remarking, "Good, there's a lot more."

Identifies Davis' Picture

Agent Madala returned to the witness stand as court resumed at 2 p. m. today. He was shown two photographs of Volney Davis by George Heisey, assistant United States attorney, and identified them as the ones he used when questioning Berg as to the identity of various members of the Karpis-Barker gang. The photographs were accepted in evidence over defense objections after Madala had testified that Berg had identified Davis as "Curley."

The agent testified that Berg told him that after the first ransom money was passed, Doc Barker and Davis appeared at room 210 of the Irving hotel and got the good money. Doc Barker, he said, asked if there had been any trouble changing the money. Upon receiving a negative answer, Madala quoted Berg as saying that Barker remarked, "Good, there's a lot more."

"What happened then?" The agent answered continuing the narration of the story told him by Berg.

"The next day Boss McLaughlin came back with \$9,350 in good money. Of this Slim kept \$200, gave Berg \$200 and gave Moran \$225. Boss, according to Berg, then left the hotel, leaving Slim and Berg. This meeting was in room 211."

"Did McLaughlin take any money with him?"

"Yes, Slim had brought in a package from room 210. This was a package of hot money and Slim gave it to McLaughlin after getting back the good money."

Held Secret Conference

"Slim told him and Dr. Moran that shortly and Curley were coming up."

A defense objection to mention by the witness of Curley as Volney Davis was sustained.

"Then what?"

"About 10 minutes after the call Shorty and Curley came up to room 210 and Slim handed Shorty a package containing \$2,750. After getting the package Shorty, Slim and Curley went into room 211 for a secret conference. Later they returned to 210 and Shorty said 'from now on Slim will handle the transactions.'"

"Did Berg say whether any conversation took place?"

"Berg said that Shorty told him that he was to retain his post as guard and the commissions would be the same. Shorty gave no explanation for the change. After Shorty left, Slim explained the reason for the change was that Curley and Shorty did not want to come to the hotel and Slim was to deliver the money to them from the hotel."

"What happened the next day?"

"He said that about 10 a. m. the phone rang again. Berg and Slim were in the room. Berg answered the phone and it was Boss on the other end. Boss said he would be up in a few minutes. Boss came in and took a bundle out of his pocket and again there was \$9,350. Boss told Slim he wanted \$15,000 by 6 p. m. that day."

Moran Joined Parley

"Berg said Slim told the Boss the \$15,000 he requested would be delivered at the Boss' home that evening. Boss left, Slim called Moran at his office and Moran came over. Slim asked Moran if Jimmie Wilson could have the afternoon off as he wanted Jimmie to drive him to the home of Shorty and Curley because Jimmie had been there before and knew the way. He was to pick up the \$15,000 wanted by the Boss at Shorty and Curley's hideout."

John DeCourcy, defense attorney, broke in to ask if any dates were mentioned during the interview with Berg and the agent replied in the negative.

"What happened the next day?" Mr. Heisey asked continuing the examination.

"The next day Boss brought in the \$15,000 minus his commission of 6 1/2 per cent. Boss then made arrangements to call in the afternoon for more hot money. Slim counted the good money brought in by Boss, gave \$300 to Berg, \$325 to Dr. Moran and kept \$300. Jimmie was present in the room when Boss brought in the money. Jimmie began arguing that he wanted his share as he was taking a big risk in driving Slim around with the hot money. Berg said Jimmie also said he gave Dr. Moran the tip about Boss being a good man to change the money. Berg and Slim didn't want to cut with Jimmie as they felt that as long as Jimmie worked for Dr. Moran, Moran should pay him."

Offered To Change \$12,000

The next day the phone rang again and Boss entered room 211. This time Boss said all he could exchange was \$12,000. Boss also said that his chauffeur had a friend in Louisville and if it is okay with them he would get the \$3,000 cash."

Berg was opposed to it because he thought it was against the law to take hot money out of the state. The crowd laughed in the courtroom.

Slim and Doc Moran were for Boss' plan so Boss was given permission to take the money to Louisville. After Boss left the money was counted (good money). They split the commission. Mr. Berg got \$240 and Slim \$240, Doctor Moran getting the balance of the \$1-4 per cent. The rest of the money was taken by Slim and Wilson, driving west from the hotel. Two days later McLaughlin came back to the hotel very much excited.

Tues., Apr. 30, 1935.

UNDERWORLD DYNASTY RULED BY MACHINE GUNS DESCRIBED TO AWED JURORS, SPECTATORS

Federal Agent Tells Inside Story Of Harboring Notorious Gangsters In Chicago.

Rivalling the gangland fiction of Charles Francis Coe, the amazing story of an underworld dynasty ruled by machine guns—where desperate gunmen sought to have others shoot them to end the pain of fingerprint “erasing” and where the elite group numbered such characters as “Pretty Boy” Floyd, Johnny Lazia, Alvin Karpis and the Barker brothers—was related from the witness stand in federal court today, where 10 mobsters are on trial for the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy.

Berg Shouts “Liar.”

Holding jurors, spectators and even the defendants in a grip of awed interest, John L. Medala, federal agent, told the “inside story” of the harboring and shielding of notorious gangsters in Chicago while they were “cooling off” after the kidnaping and ransoming of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and attempting to dispose of the \$200,000 ransom they had collected.

He was quoting Oliver A. Berg, one of the defendants—and Berg, half rising from his chair in the courtroom, called out:

“You’re a liar!”

The interruption of the gangster, brought to St. Paul from Joliet state penitentiary in Illinois to stand trial, left the agent unmoved and he continued with his dramatic exposition—the most damning evidence yet offered by the federal government.

Fred Barker, since slain by “G-men” in Florida, and Alvin Karpis, now a fugitive in the Bremer case, had the fingerprints mutilated by the fugitive Chicago doctor, J. P. Moran, in an effort to avoid identification, Agent Medala said Berg told him—and Barker, screaming in an agony of pain, begged Berg to “shoot me, I can’t stand the pain!”

Calls Berg Profane.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, now on trial, offered Berg 12 1-2 per cent to exchange “hot” ransom money for “cool dough,” Agent Medala said—and the deal was turned down because Berg learned from a friend, whom Barker had just met, that the latter had said the money was Bremer ransom money.

The testimony established a definite link between the mobsters the government contends “pulled the job”—“Doc” Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell—and the “money changers”: Dr. Moran, Berg, Russell Gibson, Jimmy Wilson, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin.

Despite defense objections Trial Judge M. M. Joyce permitted the witness to relate the story just as Berg told it to him in the Illinois prison in November of last year.

“Give your testimony using the words used by Berg,” Judge Joyce ordered.

“I can’t do that,” Medala replied. “Berg is very profane and talks in broken English.”

Among those who listened to the revelations today was Vinita Stacey, sister of Edna Murray, Kansas City’s “kissing bandit,” one of the defendants. She engaged in a spirited conversation with her “boy friend,” Jess Doyle, one of the defendants, during a recess.

Hurt In Still Blast.

Medala resumed the stand as court opened at 10 a. m.

He testified that Oliver Berg (one

of the defendants) had told him that Russell (Slim) Gibson, since slain by “G-men,” had stayed at his home in Chicago and that Dr. J. P. Moran, now a fugitive in the Bremer case, had visited there several times to treat Gibson for some disease.

“When was Gibson treated by Dr. Moran?” asked George Halsey, assistant district attorney.

“Berg said Gibson was treated from December, 1933, until April, 1934,” Agent Medala replied.

“Berg said that Dr. Moran called his home at 5248 N. Winthrop ave. in March, 1934, and asked for room for two men who were being treated for sore hands, saying they had been hurt in a still explosion. Berg said he told Dr. Moran to send them over, and that evening Jimmy Wilson (on trial) carrying two large suitcases, arrived with two men. They were introduced as “Shorty” and “Slim.”

“I showed photographs to Berg and he selected the pictures of Alvin Karpis (fugitive) and Fred Barker (sail by federal agents), and identified them as “Slim” and “Shorty.”

“In reference to the time Wilson brought the men to Berg’s home, did Berg say anything as to the conduct of these two men, Fred Barker and Karpis?” asked Mr. Halsey.

“He noticed the men remained quiet and kept their hands in their topcoat pockets.”

“Then what did Mr. Berg say?”

Operated On In Hotel.

“He said he showed Shorty and Slim up to their room on the second floor. The next morning a man known to him as William Doney came to him and said he was hired as a nurse to take care of the two men.

“Berg said he was told a few days later to go up to the room. Shorty was in great agony and wanted to jump out of the window. Shorty wanted Berg to shoot him as he couldn’t stand the pain any longer.

“Berg then found out that Moran had operated on their finger tips and Berg was sore because Moran had lied to him. He called Moran on it. Moran came to Berg’s house and said that the men were strangers to him.

“The operation was performed in room 234, Irving hotel, Chicago. They remained in the hotel room 10 days before going to Berg’s home.”

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Offered "Easy Dough."

The agent testified that while the two men were at the hotel the maid happened to go in the room and Shorty and Slim feared they had been recognized. They then asked Dr. Moran to hide them some place else—the Bergs' home, where they stayed for a week or ten days.

Fred Barker told Berg that he was a good fellow and so he was going to give him a chance to make

some easy dough," the agent testified. "He said he would fix it up for Berg with his brother.

"His brother (Arthur, on trial) went to Berg's home the next day, which was about six days after "Shorty" and "Slim" first went there, along with Dr. Moran."

Agent Medala identified a picture of Arthur (Doc) Barker as the duplicate of one he had shown Berg, and said that Berg had told him that was the man he met as "Shorty." (Both Arthur and Fred Barker now have been named by Berg as "Shorty," according to Agent Medala.)

"What did Doc Barker do when he visited Shorty and Slim at Berg's home?"

"Doc told Berg he had talked with Freddie and said he was going to fix it up for Berg to get some easy money. Doc said they had a lot of 'hot' money and were willing to pay 12 1-2 per cent to change it.

"Doc said it wasn't counterfeit but that it was real 'hot.'

"Berg said that he thought it part of a bank holdup.

"Doc said it was in \$5 and \$10 bills.

"Berg didn't take the offer, but said he would see him the next day. A man knocked at the door then, and said his name was Slim.

"Barker got excited and reached for his gun, but Berg calmed him down. Berg then called Slim Evans in and introduced Barker. Slim and Doc Barker discovered they had mutual friends, including Pretty Boy Floyd and John Leslie in Kansas City.

"Berg left Slim Evans with Barker, but later Slim told Berg to stay away from the money because it was Bremer ransom money."

Photo Identified.

The agent identified a photograph of Russell (Slim) Gibson.

"Did you ever talk to this man?"

"Yes."

"Did you find out his true name?"

"He said it was Rusty Gibson."

"Did Dr. Moran again appear at Berg's home?"

"Yes."

"The use of the nickname 'Shorty' both by Arthur and Fred Barker now is making trouble for defense, prosecution and the witness. When the name 'Shorty' is mentioned the defense interrupts to know which 'Shorty,' and objects constantly to the testimony.

"Give your testimony using the words used by Berg," Judge M. M. Joyce ruled.

"You're A Liar," Berg Shouts.

"I can't do that," Agent Medala answered. Berg is very profane and talks in broken English.

Berg became red in the face, and muttered to himself.

"What conversation was there between Berg and Dr. Moran?"

"Well, Berg said he told Dr. Moran to stay away from the money. Berg then said he knew a man who could take care of it."

"You're a liar!" Berg called out at the agent, half rising from his chair.

"What else did Berg say to Moran?"

"He said he told Moran the money was ransom money."

Berg let out a long drawn "ooohh-hhhh."

"Did you ask Berg how long Freddie Barker stayed at his place?"

"About 6 or 8 days."

"And then what happened?"

Show Campbell Picture.

"Did Berg tell of a conversation with 'Shorty?' asked Mr. Halsey."

"Yes."

"Did he indicate the 'Shorty' he meant?"

"Doc Barker."

"What was the conversation?"

"Berg said that Shorty said he would let Doc Moran handle the money."

"When did he next hear from Shorty after he had taken Freddy and Slim away?"

"He said about three or four weeks later."

"Where from?"

"Gary, Ind."

"What then?"

"Berg said Shorty asked him how soon he could get hold of Dr. Moran and Slim. After the call, he called Moran's office and told him that Shorty wanted Moran and Slim at his (Berg's) home within an hour."

"About 45 minutes after the telephone call to Moran, Shorty (Doc Barker) came to the house with a man named George. They had a suit case with them."

Agent Medala was shown a picture of Harry Campbell, fugitive, and identified it as the one Berg identified as "George."

"He said that when Shorty and George arrived Slim and Doc Moran were already there. Berg asked Doc Moran how soon he could get the man to start changing the money. Doc didn't know and left the room. After he left Shorty told Berg and Slim he didn't trust Dr. Moran, as he was too anxious to get the money.

"Shorty wanted Berg and Slim to guard Moran and the money—and they would get 2 per cent commission."

"Berg and Slim didn't want to take the job, but Doc told them they

wouldn't be breaking the law by just guarding the money."

"What was in the suitcases?"

"There were three packages in the suitcase, with \$10,000 in each package, Shorty told Berg."

"Then 2 per cent commission—was that to come from Moran's commission or was Doc Barker going to have that extra?"

"Out of the 12 1/2 per cent commission, half went to Doc Moran and half to Boss McLaughlin (on trial). From Doc Moran's commission, Berg got 2 per cent, Slim got 2 per cent and Moran got the other 2 1/2 per cent."

"How were they to guard the money?"

"They were to be with the money all the time it was in Moran's possession, and also to be present when good money was returned."

"What happened after Moran returned to the room?"

"Moran said he had contacted a man to change the money, and that this party wanted \$10,000 right away. This party said he had a place where he could change \$4,000 every day, and wanted to know how much there was.

"Shorty just said there was a lot. Berg and Slim still didn't want any part of the deal. Shorty said they had better guard it while Moran had it. Moran was opposed but Shorty said if he didn't want the guards he would take the money elsewhere. Moran agreed, then, and Shorty told Slim to go with Moran to the party who was going to change the money. They went, taking \$10,000 with them."

Took \$20,000 To Hotel.

"Then what did Berg say?" "While Slim and Moran were away Shorty and Berg had some drinks and within 45 minutes Slim and Moran returned, saying that they had delivered the money. Shorty wanted all the money—hot and cold—to be brought to Berg's home, but Berg vetoed that, so the Irving hotel was agreed upon. The \$20,000 then was taken up to room 210 in the hotel.

"Berg stayed in Moran's room that night. Dr. Moran, the next morning, told them to go into room 211. Berg stayed in room 210 to watch the money. A few minutes later a bundle of \$10,000 was taken into room 211. There Berg met Boss McLaughlin as 'Mr. Smith.'

"After Boss left the room they checked up on the good money McLaughlin brought back. There was \$9,350, McLaughlin holding out his commission of 6 1/4 per cent. From this amount Moran gave Berg \$200, Slim \$200 and kept \$225. The phone rang. Shorty (Doc Barker) came up with a man called Curley.

"Did you show Berg any pictures?"

"Yes," Agent Medala identified picture of Volney Davis, fugitive, as the one Berg named as "Curley."

Watched Money Changers.

Before leaving the stand at the close of Monday's session in federal court here, Medala testified that Berg told him he received \$940 for "watching" the money changers.

During his brief stay on the witness stand the agent told of Berg asking him if "the government has anything on me."

"He asked me if he had violated any federal law," Medala said of his conversation with Berg in the visiting room at Joliet prison. "He told me that he was paid \$940 to guard the money and hoped that by doing so didn't violate any federal law as he planned to ask for a pardon from prison and with this violation hanging over him, he feared that he could not gain a pardon."

Chain Tightened.

Through the testimony of James Franklin, colored bell hop at the Irving hotel, Chicago, Mrs. Alvina B. Richman, chambermaid and Joseph T. Reeves, clerk at the Chicago hotel, the government tightened its chain of evidence against John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, James Wilson and Oliver Berg, three of the defendants and Dr. Moran, fugitive, as the money changers in the case. L. D. Nichols, former agent, linked William Vidler with the money changing.

In a statement alleged to have been made by Vidler to the federal agents, he was to receive one per cent of all the money he changed. Earlier in the trial it was pointed out McLaughlin was to receive five per cent as his commission, giving "Boss" a net profit of four per cent.

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1935

VINITA STACEY AT BREMER TRIAL—(Wirephoto).



Vinita Stacey, charged in Kansas City with the shooting of Mrs. Frances Taylor, February 6, and under a federal charge of harboring Jess Doyle, one of the defendants in the Bremer kidnaping trial, is shown as she appeared in St. Paul yesterday. She is on the right in the picture. With her is Mrs. Mott Stanley of Commerce, Ok., sister-in-law of Mrs. Edna Murray, one of the defendants with Arthur (Doc) Barker. Mrs. Stacey is a sister of Mrs. Murray. Officials in Kansas City last night said that Mrs. Stacey had been taken from the county jail to St. Paul by a federal agent, where she probably will testify for the defense in the \$200,000 ransom-kidnaping case. She had been held here on a \$3,000 bond in connection with the federal charge against her. She had furnished state bonds totalling \$16,500 on the shooting charge. Barker smiled broadly as he saw the two women in separate seats in the courtroom.

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QUESTIONED & OFFERS TO AID KIDNAP SEARCH

Police Sift Ex-Memphian's
Negotiations With
Berry V. Stoll

A 24-year-old ex-Memphian was questioned today by police regarding his negotiations with Berry V. Stoll, wealthy Louisville, Ky., oil man, about plans to catch Thomas H. Robinson Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Stoll.

W. O. Cook, clean-shaven, nattily dressed, conferred with Mr. Stoll at Louisville about a month ago about plans to apprehend Robinson, who is sought for kidnaping Mrs. Alice Stoll on Oct. 11, 1934.

In Cook's pocket was found a letter signed "Berry V. Stoll." Cook denied to Detective Chief Will T. Griffin that he knew anything about Robinson's whereabouts.

Conferred With Cook

Chief Griffin said Cook admitted telling Stoll he could aid in the capture of Robinson. Mr. Stoll at Louisville said he conferred with Cook about a month ago, but his "information" was checked and found without value.

The letter, found in Cook's pocket by police, requested Cook to exchange \$100 of the Stoll ransom money for good money as proof of Cook's story.

The letter in full follows:

Progress Realty Co., Inc.
227 West Main Street,
Louisville, Ky.

April 19, 1935.

Mr. W. O. Cook,
7 East Side Apts.,
Nashville, Tenn.

"Dear Mr. Cook:

"Your letter came yesterday, and still thinking that you might come in today, I waited in my office to see you. I thought that you might be a newspaper reporter trying to cook up a story and knew that if you were not you could at least substantiate some of the facts that you gave me and could at least supply me with \$100 of the ransom money you said you had and get from me a subsequent amount of good money.

"In the event you are able to do this you can always send it to me by special delivery, registered mail. Unless you can do so, however, you could hardly expect me to believe the story you told me and I am afraid of anything that might look like a newspaper reporter getting a story.

"The Department of Justice has certain facts in this case that do not quite tie in with the story you gave me and while I do not know just what they have, I felt that they did not seem convinced of your story.

"When you first came into the station, you asked me about Mrs. Robinson. I, of course, do not know what the Department of Justice has but one of the men told me that they would not need Mrs. Stoll or myself as a witness in this case and that they had enough to convict Mrs. Robinson.

"The man that I talked to thought she would probably get a life sentence unless young Robinson is caught before her trial. I gather they had something that Mrs. Robinson's attorney does not know about and if you are interested in helping Mrs. Robinson, I would suggest that you do everything you can to help apprehend young Robinson before her trial and his best bet would be to come in before her trial and then plead insanity.

"So if you are really in touch with young Robinson and really want to help Mrs. Robinson I would suggest your going thru with your original plan.

"Yours very truly,

"BERRY V. STOLL."

HAS HE A CLEW?



W. O. COOK

The PRESS-SCIMITAR,
Memphis, Tennessee,
May 1, 1935.

Re: THOMAS H. ROBINSON, Jr., WA, Et Al;
Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll - Victim
KIDNAPING.

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News Men Barred

Cook was found last night in the Ambassador Hotel by Detective Inspector John Foppiano, Lieut. Lee Quinathy Sr. and Sergt. Louis Crosby.

W. T. Martin, of the federal bureau of investigation at Nashville, arrived in Memphis today and questioned Cook. He refused to permit newspaper men to interview the prisoner.

Ransom of \$50,000 was paid for the return of Mrs. Stoll, who was held prisoner by her kidnaper, Robinson, for a week at Indianapolis. Mrs. Robinson, wife of the kidnaper, was arrested in connection with the case.

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Bares Barker Fear in Skin-Stripping

**Federal Agent Says
Gangster Begged
for Death**

ST. PAUL, April 30.—(L.N.S.)—
An amazing story of gunmen who
sought death rather than undergo
the pain of fingerprint erasing was
told today at the trial of Barker-
Karpis mobsters for the \$200,000
kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer,
St. Paul banker.

John L. Madala, federal agent,
told the "inside story" of the har-
boring and shielding of gangsters
in Chicago while they were "cooling
off" after the kidnaping of Bre-
mer, and trying to dispose of the
ransom money.

He was quoting Oliver A. Berg,
one of the defendants, when Berg,
half rising from his chair, called
out:

"You're a liar!"
But Madala, unperturbed, went
on to tell how the late Fred Bar-
ker, being treated by Dr. J. P.
Moran, a Chicago physician, in an
effort to avoid fingerprint identifi-
cation, screamed in agony and
begged Berg to shoot him, crying:
"I can't stand the pain!"

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TRACE RANSOM MONEY TO EIGHT IN BREMER TRIAL

How Arrest Brought Gang Split Is Told.

St. Paul, Minn., April 30.—[Special.]—Members of the Barker-Karpis gang threatened to put Oliver Berg "on the spot" if he failed to make good a portion of \$3,000 ransom money seized when department of justice operatives arrested William Vidler, Chicago gambler. This was testified late today in the trial of ten persons charged with plotting the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

John Madala, department of justice operative at Chicago, who testified Berg told him of this threat, said the gang also demanded that "Russell [Slim] Gibson, slain by federal agents in Chicago when Arthur [Doc] Barker was captured, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive Chicago physician under indictment, also make up part of the "loss" suffered through Vidler's arrest.

Berg protested and was told to go to Aurora, Ill., and there meet members of the gang. Berg was alleged to have met Doc Barker, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis, the last now public enemy No. 1.

Trace Money Down Line.

These disclosures were in line with government testimony intended to directly trace transactions between Bremer's kidnapers and the men who handled the \$200,000 ransom money.

It was testified earlier in the day that Dr. Moran had operated on the finger tips of Karpis and Fred Barker, the latter recently slain in Florida, and that while the pair were recovering from the operations they were visited by Doc Barker.

Doc Barker, it also was testified, offered to reward Berg, who had taken care of the two men, by tendering him some "hot" money to pass on commission. It was testified that Barker had appeared one time with two suit cases, one of which contained \$5,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills.

In relating the conversation which Madala said he had with Berg in prison, he said Berg told him Gibson brought to Berg's home in Chicago in March, 1934, two men first introduced as "Slim" who was identified through photographs as Karpis, and "Shorty" or "Freddie," identified as Fred Barker.

The next day, Madala said, Willie Doney, who had been in prison while Berg was there and while Dr. Moran was serving a term for an illegal operation, came to the Berg home. He said he had been sent by Dr. Moran to nurse the two.

"Berg said the two were at his home about eight days and that when 'Freddie' learned that Berg was about broke he promised that his brother, Doc Barker, would see that he got break."

Doc Barker Shows Up.

The next day, according to the testimony, Doc Barker came to Berg's home with Dr. Moran.

It was during this visit, according to Madala's version of the conversation, that Doc Barker offered to reward him by letting him pass some "hot" money on commission of 12 1/2 per cent.

"Some time after the men left, Berg said he got a telephone call from Doc Barker at Gary, Ind., telling him to have Dr. Moran and Gibson at Berg's home in an hour," Madala continued. Barker, the witness said, appeared with another man, identified as Harry Campbell, and he was carrying two suitcases.

Continuing his version of Berg's statement, Madala testified to the following:

That Dr. Moran agreed to get a "party" to handle the money quickly and went to a telephone to call this person; that Barker told Berg and Gibson Dr. Moran was to get 6 1/2 per cent commission for handling the money, and the "party," later identified as John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, was to get 6 1/2 per cent. For guarding the money, Gibson and Berg each were to get 2 per cent of Dr. Moran's share.

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M'LAUGHLIN ADMISSION TOLD

ST. PAUL, May 1.—(AP)—A Department of Justice agent testified today in the trial of ten persons charged with complicity in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnapping that John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin of Chicago, a defendant, told him in jail that he suspected money he was exchanging was either Hamm or Bremer ransom money.

M. C. Falkner, the agent, also said that part of the Bremer ransom money was found in the hatband of McLaughlin's son, John J. McLaughlin Jr., 17.

Falkner quoted the former politician as saying he had been associated with William Vidler, Chicago bookie, and Delaney, a former bartender, in the exchange of "the neighborhood of \$50,000."

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BREMER RANSOM ADMISSIONS BY M'LAUGHLIN TOLD

Confessed to Handling Fourth, Says Agent.

St. Paul, Minn., May 1.—[Special.]—John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former Chicago politician and one of the ten on trial in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, admitted handling about \$50,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money, a department of justice agent who talked to him in jail testified today.

The witness declared that McLaughlin admitted his suspicion that this money was part of the Bremer ransom and that \$100,000 previously offered for exchange in Chicago was money paid in ransoming William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, from kidnapers.

This testimony came after a bombardment by defense attorneys of another prosecution witness had failed to break down the story by which Oliver Berg and James Wilson were linked to the conspiracy.

Girl Ready to Testify.

As the new testimony regarding McLaughlin was being given, Wynona Burdette, former radio singer and girl friend of Harry Campbell, who shot his way out of a federal trap along with Alvin Karpis at Atlantic City recently, was waiting to testify as a government witness. She was brought to the federal building from the county jail where she has been since the trial opened.

In the witness room also was Mrs. Clara Gibson, wife of "Slim" Gibson, who met death at the hands of federal agents when Arthur [Doc] Barker was captured in Chicago last January. The diminutive Mrs. Gibson was

corted to the witness room by several federal men. She was not in custody and George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, heading the prosecution, would not disclose whether or not she would be placed on the stand. M. C. Falkner, federal operative and a brother of the author, William Falkner, was the witness who testified that McLaughlin had made the admission about the ransom money. He said that, with Ralph Brown, another federal agent, he had talked with McLaughlin in Cook county jail April 29, 1934.

Found Cash in Hat Band.

Falkner said that part of the ransom money had been found in the hat band of McLaughlin's 17 year old son, John J. Jr., and that the father assumed full responsibility for it. Reference to finding the money was ordered stricken.

Falkner quoted the elder McLaughlin as saying, "My son is absolutely innocent and if any ransom money

was found on him I want to take the full responsibility."

Then, the witness continued, McLaughlin was questioned about his reputed role in passing part of the ransom money. The witness said McLaughlin admitted that he, William Vidler and Philip Delaney had been involved in passing about \$50,000.

Agent Backs Statements.

Brown, who testified Friday and Monday, returned to the stand to corroborate Falkner's statement.

"McLaughlin told me I could not expect help from him unless we would let his son go home," Brown testified.

Late this afternoon prosecution and defense attorneys were conferring over a written statement reported to have been made by James J. Wilson, chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. Joseph Moran.

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Confession Lists 7 in Bremer Crime

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, May 2.—A statement by a confessed associate, introduced by the Government today in the trial of Edward G. Bremer's alleged kidnapers, named Arthur (Doc) Barker and fugitive Alvin Karpis as two of the actual abductors.

The 17-word confession by Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville (Ill.) home, the banker was held by the gang for 21 days, was read to the jury by Federal District Attorney George Sullivan.

It linked with the crime in addition to Barker, a defendant, and Karpis, current public enemy No. 1, Byron Bolton who pleaded guilty when the trial opened April 15; Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, a defendant; William Weaver and Harry Campbell, both at large, and Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, killed by gangsters in Chicago after the Bremer kidnaping.

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Washington (D.C.) Post

Activities of Outlaw Bark While Hiding Here Reve

Witness in Trial of 10 Members of Bark
Gang for Bremer Kidnaping Tells of His
to Toledo and Subsequent Adventur

Activities in Toledo of the no-
torious Barker-Karpis gang of out-
laws while members were hiding out
here after obtaining \$200,000 ransom
for the kidnaping of Edward G.
Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker,
were outlined at the trial of 10
members of the gang in St. Paul
today.

In a statement concerning his

connections with the
whom are under indictment in the
Bremer case, including the 30-day
trial, James J. Wilson said he fled his
flight from Chicago to Toledo and
his subsequent adventures here in
the latter part of April, 1934.

"When I arrived at Toledo I
made my way to the Casino club
and asked for Ted Angus, who runs
it," Wilson said. "I asked Ted
where to get in contact with Shorty
(Fred Barker, who was slain by
federal operatives in Florida re-
cently) and he said Shorty was in
town but would not say where
Shorty was. I stayed at the Casino
club that night in a small room and
the next day I walked to the home
of Shorty in Point Place.

"There I met Shorty and Paula,
his wife (Paula Harmon, consort of
Barker). I have been shown pic-
tures of persons identified to me as
Fred Barker and Paula Harmon
and have identified those as pic-
tures of Shorty and Paula.

"I first met Fred Barker in
March, 1934, when he and Slim,
whom I have identified from a pic-
ture as Alvin Karpis, had their fin-
gerprints operated on in the Irving
hotel in Chicago by Doc Moran

KIDNAP GANG'S ACTIVITY BARED

Witness in Bremer Trial
Tells of Adventures
While Hiding Here.

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(Joseph P. Moran, fugitive Chicago
physician, who performed face lift-
ing and fingerprint mutilation oper-
ations on the gangsters here).

"Once Doc Moran asked me to
drive Fred to Toledo because his
fingers were banged and he was
incapacitated, and I drove him
there. That is how I knew him and

get ready and I drove him to Berg's
home. Berg helped me take care
of him and the next morning when
Doc got sober we talked it all over.

"I said I had friends in Toledo. I
had an aunt there and Shorty was
there. Moran advised me to go to
Toledo and I left by bus for there
the following morning. Moran
gave me \$300."

Arthur (Doc) Barker and the
fugitive Karpis, now rated as Pub-
lic Enemy No. 1, were named as
two of the actual abductors of
Bremer at the trial today in a 17-
word confession by Harold Alder-
ton, in whose Bensenville, Ill., home
the banker was held for 21 days.

Before the statement was intro-
duced, Miss Burdette, 21-year-old
gun moll whose association with
the gangsters resulted in a sen-
tence to the federal prison in Milan,
Mich., testified for the government
that several of the accused left their
usual St. Paul haunts Jan. 17, 1934,
the day of the abduction.

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THE TOLEDO BLADES
Toledo, Ohio
May 3rd., 1935

KIDNAPED BREWER'S RANSOM SPENT HERE

**Bremer Trial Evidence
Reveals Facts.**

Ransom money paid for release of William Hamm, St. Paul, Minn., brewer who was kidnaped in 19.3, was spent in Toledo, a press dispatch from St. Paul said today.

It was revealed during the trial of 10 persons for kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker, that \$65,000 of the \$100,000 ransom money paid for Hamm's release had found its way into the Chicago federal reserve bank from various cities, including Chicago, Cleveland and Toledo.

The new evidence indicates that members of the Barker-Karpis gang, who hid in Toledo following the Bremer kidnaping, were connected with the Hamm snatch.

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Special Agent.

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MACHINE GUNS NOTICED ON BED OF BAND'S LAIR

Statement Attributed to Bensenville, Ill., Resident Who Sits in Court.

"DOC" BARKER IN LIST

Two Others Dead, Two Fugitives and One Has Admitted Plot.

Six gangsters of the Barker-Karpis mob and one of their associates were identified positively as kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in a statement introduced today in the Federal court trial of ten defendants charged with the abduction.

The statement was alleged to have been made by Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavernkeeper, who is one of the defendants.

The gangsters named are Arthur (Doc) Barker, another of the defendants; Fred Barker, his brother, later slain by Federal agents; George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, also slain later; Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, fugitives; and Byron Bolton, who has pleaded guilty.



to conspiracy in the kidnaping and is awaiting sentence in the Ramsey County jail, and is referred to in the statement as "Montey Carter." The seventh man named is Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville the government charges Bremer was held captive. The statement, read to the jury by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, reveals that Farmer heard the gangsters tell how it was necessary to slug Bremer when they kidnaped him and that he heard them say "his head was split open, but he was all right." It also asserts that, at one time, he saw five machine guns in Alderton's home.

Statement in Part.

The statement reads in part: "Shortly before Christmas, 1933, George Ziegler and another man since identified as Fred Barker came to my saloon. Ziegler said he would like to get a place where he could keep some men for a week or ten days. I said I did not have a place. Then Ziegler asked: 'How about Alderton's house?'"

"I brought Alderton over to the saloon, and Ziegler made it plain that he had some 'hot' people he wanted to hide away. I saw Ziegler, Freddie Barker and Alvin Karpis around Alderton's house several times before Bremer was kidnaped, and I was in the house with Karpis and Fred Barker when Bremer was there. But on these visits I was not permitted to go through the house.

"Fellow's Head Hurt."

"One day Alderton came to my saloon and said the boys at his house wanted him to buy some cigarettes. He said the boys came in last night and brought a fellow with them. He said his (the fellow's) head was hurt, but they fixed him up all right. Alderton also told me to bring up a case of beer and some whiskey.

"Later I went inside the house and saw men whose photographs (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 3.)

I have identified as Harry Campbell, Doc Barker and Karpis. There were two others whom I cannot identify.

"The living room door was closed, and I learned that I was not to go in.

"I later went to the Alderton house and saw the same group. I knew in my mind that Bremer was being held there. I observed ransom notes were being sent to the Bremer family.

"A week later I saw Harry Campbell in the kitchen and noticed four or five machine guns lying on the daybed. I visited the house three or four times while Bremer was held there and saw Doc Barker, Harry Campbell and Karpis there all the time.

"Fred Barker and Ziegler were dressed in business clothes. The others were dressed in high boots, riding pants, suede jackets and wool shirts. On one occasion when they came outside, Fred Barker and Ziegler had handkerchiefs tied around their necks. Alderton told me they were holding Bremer for ransom.

"Several times during Bremer's captivity, Karpis told me they were going to take Bremer back almost any day. Several times I heard them say that, when they took him, they had to hit him over the head when he refused to get out of his car. They said his head was split open, but that he was all right.

"Several times Ziegler and Fred Barker came to me and asked if everything was all right. I always told them everything was all right, meaning that the law hadn't been around.

"The day Bremer was released, George Ziegler came to my place about 11 A. M. and said, 'they are gone.' Then he gave me a \$1,000 bill with which he told me to buy slot machines."

Farmer, 42 years old, tall and gray-haired, moved from his courtroom seat next to Doc Barker when Sullivan started reading the statement and seated himself behind his attorney, T. W. McMeekin. Both he and Doc Barker listened intently while the statement was being read.

ST PAUL DISPATCH

May 3, 1935

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After Sullivan had completed his reading of the statement, Kenneth R. McIntire, a Department of Justice agent, took the stand and told of a verbal statement Farmer had made to him, in which the defendant said: "I didn't tell you in Chicago about the money that was paid me for Alderton. I let Alderton talk for himself, but I just told the grand jury (in St. Paul) that I got \$1,000 from Goetz (Ziegler) to pay Alderton for his services."

McIntire also said Farmer had told him that, following Bremer's release, Ziegler had come to Farmer's saloon with Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld figure and a fugitive in the case.

Previous to the reading of Farmer's statement, the stand was occupied by two other Department of Justice agents, W. C. Ryan and R. C. Suran, who told of various conversations they had with Alderton.

Ryan said that, when Alderton and Farmer met in the Department of Justice offices in Chicago, following their arrests, Alderton jumped up excitedly and accused Farmer of telling the mobsters about his (Alderton's) brother and his brother's family. The agent quoted Alderton as saying that his brother, who lived in Indiana, had "a nice family and a nice home and a good job, and if anything goes wrong, something might happen to him." Alderton added that he was not worried about himself, but was concerned about the brother.

Suran said he had asked Alderton: "How did you get in with that mob?" Alderton replied, according to the witness: "I guess I was just a damn fool." Suran then reminded Alderton that he had twenty days during Bremer's captivity to "find a way out," and asked why he didn't do so. Once more Alderton replied, "I guess I was just a damn fool," the agent said.

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ST PAUL DISPATCH

May 3, 1935

"Moll" Accuses Mobsters



From Milan, Mich., women's reformatory WYNONA BURDETTE, sweetheart of Harry Campbell, fugitive, came to federal court here Thursday to point an accusing finger at Arthur (Doc) Barker and Jimmy Wilson, two of the 10 defendants in the courtroom, as being with the gang during the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. The pretty witness, who has been camera shy on previous occasions finally consented to have her picture taken after leaving the courtroom where she told of her travels to and from St. Paul before and after the kidnaping. She and her gunmen friends lived here in perfect immunity from police interference.

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1935

EDNA MURRAY TO GO FREE

U. S. ALSO WILL ASK DISMISSAL OF DOYLE, IT IS LEARNED.

Weak Evidence Against Two of Ten Defendants in Bremer Kidnaping Case Leads to the Decision.

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, May 2.—The federal government would ask dismissal of charges against two of ten defendants on trial for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, it was learned from a reliable source tonight as the prosecution neared the completion of its case. Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," who escaped from the Missouri prison while serving a 25-year term for robbery, and Jess Doyle, Kansas City mobster and self-confessed bank robber, are the two that will be absolved of connection with the \$200,000 abduction.

FAIL TO LINK THEM WITH CASE.

The government's only hope of linking Doyle and Edna Murray with the conspiracy was through the testimony of Wynona Burdette, sweetheart of the fugitive Harry Campbell. Failing to succeed when she was on the stand today, the government was prepared to ask the dismissal, it was reported.

Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, was expected to take the witness stand tomorrow after which the government will rest its case. Bolton, who pleaded guilty when the trial opened nearly three weeks ago, is expected to testify against Arthur (Doc) Barker and several of the other defendants.

The prosecution, it was reported, would rather ask dismissal of charges against the two than "gamble" on weakening the cases against the other eight defendants by permitting the jury to consider the weak evidence against the pair.

ATTORNEYS MAY MAKE MOVE.

Should the prosecution fail to ask dismissal, it was learned, Eugene Matthews, attorney for Doyle, and John De Courcy, counsel for Edna Murray, would ask dismissal by the court.

At no time in the trial has the name of Doyle been mentioned and today for the first time, Edna Murray was named by Wynona Burdette, who is serving a 5-year term for harboring Barker-Karpis gangsters.

Edna Murray, in the event she is freed of the conspiracy charge, will be returned to Kansas City to face charges of assault with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. Doyle will go either to Minneapolis, where he is wanted for a bank robbery, or to Oklahoma for a similar offense. Doyle has given federal authorities a written statement confessing participation in the third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis in December, 1932, when two policemen were killed, and naming six members of the Barker-Karpis gang as accomplices. He also is wanted for a bank robbery at Okemah, Ok.

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U. S. Calls Bolton in Kidnaping Trial

St. Paul, May 3 (P).—The government today planned to call to the stand one of its leading witnesses, Byron Bolton of Chicago, in the



Jess Doyle

Federal court trial of 10 persons charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Bolton, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy at the opening of the trial April 15, was the reputed machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, which is accused of abducting Bremer.

As the prosecution neared the end of its case, it was reported that the government will ask dismissal of charges against two of the 10 defendants—Mrs. Edna Murphy, the "kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle, Kansas City gangster.

It was indicated the government believes it does not have a strong enough case against these two. In the event the charges against them

are dropped, Mrs. Murray will be returned to the Missouri prison from which she escaped while serving 15 years for robbery, while Doyle will be turned over to Minneapolis or Okemah, Okla., authorities, who want him to face robbery charges.

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CHICAGO DAILY TIMES
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Bremer Kidnaping Related in Court

Barker and Karpis Accused Again by Prisoner

By the Associated Press.

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—For the second time in two days, Arthur (Doc) Barker and his hunted comrade, Alvin Karpis, were accused by a former associate of participating in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Barker and nine codefendants are on trial here for conspiracy to kidnap Bremer.

A statement signed by Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, (Ill.) tavern keeper, relating the parts played by the two leaders and five others, was read to the jury, which had heard a similar recital signed by Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville home, Bremer was held 21 days.

Early this afternoon, as a packed courtroom waited in anticipation Bolton would be called to relate a complete "inside" story of the abduction, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce announced adjournment until Monday.

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 HARRY SAWYER HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY A FEDERAL AGENCY AT
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GUNNER NAMES PALS IN BREMER KIDNAP

Byron Bolton
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 ST. PAUL, Minn., May 6
 (U.S.).—Apparently blasting the last remaining hope of most of his co-defendants to escape punishment in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Byron Bolton, machine gunner for the Karpis Barker gang, took the stand today and named one by one those he said took part in the abduction. Bolton previously had pleaded guilty.
 Federal District Attorney George F. Sullivan rested the Government's case after the testimony of Bolton and a minor witness. He then, with approval of the court, dismissed charges against two of the 10 defendants, Mrs. Edna Murray and Jess Doyle.

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IDENTIFIES SEVEN OF KARPIS GANG IN BREMER PLOT

Elmer Farmer's Confes- sion Heard at Trial.

St. Paul, Minn., May 3.—[Special.]—The government introduced some of its strongest evidence today as it neared the end of its case against ten persons being tried in Federal District court on charges of plotting the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. At the same time, as the third week of the trial closed this afternoon, the defense was making spirited attacks on the final testimony.

In a climactic move the prosecution brought to the witness room Byron Bolton, machine gunner and member of the Barker-Karpis gang, who pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial. He was scheduled to take the stand today, but Judge M. M. Joyce ordered the trial adjourned until Monday before he had been reached.

Bolton was expected to cap all previous testimony with an outright confession in open court detailing by name the various members of the gang and telling of the part each played in the \$200,000 abduction.

U. S. May Rest Monday.

Bolton, who, according to the confession of Harold Alderton read into the records Thursday, was a familiar figure at the Bensenville, Ill., hideout where the St. Paul banker was held 21 days, and is reported to have been in on the gang's plans from the start. With introduction of his testimony the government is expected to rest its case Monday.

Before court adjourned the government introduced a confession from Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern-keeper, telling of the captivity of Bremer and the persons who held him under guard. Farmer's statement named seven members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including Arthur [Doc] Barker and Alvin Karpis, in the kidnap plot.

The others implicated by him were Harry Campbell, a fugitive; Harold Alderton, in whose home Bremer was held; Bolton, Fred Barker, slain brother of Doc, and George Zeigler, alias Fred Goetz, killed by members of his own gang in Chicago after the kidnaping.

Tells of Renting Hideout.

The confession declared that Zeigler and Fred Barker made arrangements for the hideout with Alderton through Farmer, saying they wanted a place where they could "keep some hot people for a week or ten days." Farmer said he saw several machine guns in the hideout and heard gangsters tell how they had been forced to slug Bremer when they kidnaped him.

"I heard them say his head was split open, but he was all right," the confession read.

Dismissal of charges against two of the defendants, Mrs. Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle, Kansas City gangster, will be asked by the government, it was learned. It was reported the government had hoped to connect the two with the conspiracy through testimony of Wynona Burdette, who was on the stand Thursday, but the witness failed to involve them.

As the government moved toward the end of its direct evidence it centered attention on the Bensenville hideout. R. F. Suran, federal operative at Chicago, testified that Alderton admitted he "had been a fool" in not notifying authorities while Bremer was held prisoner at his home.

The defense sought to show Alderton was awed by the gang's display of weapons and feared the gangsters might do harm to his mother, his brother, and the latter's two children, who were in Kokomo, Ind., during the period of Mr. Bremer's captivity.

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U.S. Nabs Suspect in Bremer Plot

*Sawyer Held 'Finger'
in Kidnaping*

NEW ORLEANS, May 4—(A. P.)—The Federal Government, after long and silent search, has arrested "Omaha Harry" Sawyer, the man it says was the "finger" in the Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping.

Sawyer is being held here, awaiting arrival of a copy of his indictment from St. Paul, to which city he will probably be taken within the next few days.

The capture came as the Bremer kidnaping trial was about to enter its third week at St. Paul. On trial are 10 of a score of persons indicted by a Federal jury for complicity in the abduction.

Attributed to Sawyer by the Department of Justice is a long criminal record, dating back to an arrest at Lincoln, Neb., in 1915, on a charge of burglary with explosives. He pleaded guilty to the charge, was sentenced to three years imprisonment and paroled. Arrests followed in Minneapolis in 1918 and at Omaha and Lincoln in 1920.

Detroit Free Press - Sun 5/5/35

Remnant of Karpis Gang Picked Up by U.S. Agents

WASHINGTON, May 4—(U. P.)—The Justice Department today revealed the arrest of Harry

Sawyer, member of the shattered Karpis-Barker gang which splintered the Nation with murders, kidnapings and other crimes.

Sawyer and his wife were seized in Pass Christian, Miss., last night. He was taken to New Orleans.

Sunday, May 5, 1935

DETROIT SUNDAY

SET \$100,000 BAIL ON KIDNAP SUSPECT

International News Service Wire

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 4.—Bond of \$100,000 was set for Harry Sawyer, arrested last night in Pass Christian, Miss., in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., when he was arraigned shortly before noon here today before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter, Jr. Sawyer informed Commissioner Carter he would not fight return to Minnesota to face trial.

Sawyer was arrested in a gambling house by four government agents. It was revealed today by D. W. McGee, in charge of the bureau of investigation here.

Sawyer was not armed when arrested about dusk Friday. He gave up without a struggle. The arrest of the fugitive followed several days of investigation by government agents after they had received a tip that a suspicious character was living in Long Beach and financing a gambling house in Pass Christian.

Sawyer told government agents he had "been in and out" of Pass Christian since last November. While cruising the agents found Sawyer's car parked in front of another gambling house. They entered and recognized him.

Sawyer's wife accompanied the officers here, but she is not under arrest, McGee said. He said she would not be held. The fugitive had "around \$200" with him when arrested. Although he does not believe the money was part of the ransom payment, McGee said the bills would be checked.

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Byron Bolton To Take Stand Monday Against Former Gangster Pals

The inner works of a kidnaping gang will be unfolded to a federal court jury Monday when Byron Bolton, confessed snatcher, takes the stand to testify against his former pals, 10 of whom are on trial on conspiracy to kidnap charges.

Bolton, one of the 12 apprehended persons of the 26 indicted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, was scheduled to take the stand Friday. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, heading the prosecution, decided to delay Bolton's testimony until Monday because of the short time remaining in Friday's session before court adjournment.

Pleading guilty to the conspiracy charge when the defendants were brought into court April 15, Bolton has been saved by the government as the ace witness and his testimony is

expected to deal the most damaging blows to the already battered defense.

A statement, allegedly given by Elmer Farmer, one of the defendants, to Kenneth McIntire federal agent, tells of arrangements the Barker-Karpis gang is alleged to have made for the hideout at Bensenville, where Mr. Bremer was held captive for 22 days.

The statement, read to the jury by Mr. Sullivan, told of George Ziegler, alias Goetz, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell Doc Barker and other members of the gang visiting him at his tavern in Bensenville Ill., in December and arranging for a hideout.

He told of later discovering that it was Mr. Bremer who was being held and finished his statement by saying that Ziegler gave him a \$1,000 bill to "purchase slot machines." The gift was made the day Mr. Bremer's homeward journey was started after the \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

"I sensed the money was given to me for my services," the statement concluded.

With the government expected to rest its case by Tuesday the defense has indicated that at least five of the defendants will take the stand on their own behalf. The case is expected to go to jury by May 15.

Coming Back



HARRY SAWYER.

Coming back to St. Paul to stand trial for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer is HARRY SAWYER, one-time underworld kingpin. He was arrested by federal agents Friday night at Pass Christian, Miss.

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Testimony submitted by the federal government in the Bremer trial has revealed that Sawyer was in almost daily contact with such notorious characters as Arthur (Doc) Barker and his brother Fred, "Baby Face" Nelson, Homer Van Meter, Alvin Karpis and other gangsters when they made their headquarters in St. Paul.

A nationwide search has been in progress for Sawyer since his alleged implication in the Bremer kidnaping and, reportedly, in the disposal of loot from dozens of mid-western bank "jobs" "pulled" by both Barker-Karpis and Dillinger gangsters became known to the federal government.

**ST. PAUL GANGSTER TO BE RETURNED
HERE AT ONCE FOR BREMER KIDNAPING;
MAKES NO RESISTANCE; WIFE NOT HELD**

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**Financed Negro Gambling House In
Pass Christian Since Last November
—Master Mind of Local Crime
Ring Taken Because He Couldn't
Stay Out Of "Racket."**

SAWYER

The year-long trail followed by the federal government in its search for the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping ended Friday night in a shabby gambling house in the Negro quarter of Pass Christian, Miss., with the arrest of Harry Sawyer, one-time "big shot" kingpin of St. Paul's underworld.

Sawyer—whose real name was Sandlovich when he was born in Russia in 1890—gave up without a struggle when federal agents under direction of D. W. McGee, in charge of the New Orleans district, surrounded the place and walked in on a craps game.

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Sawyer was not armed. He had "around \$200 or \$300" in his pockets, United Press and International News Service dispatches stated. A small automatic pistol was found later when agents searched a house at Long Beach, near Pass Christian, where Sawyer and his wife, Gladys, had been living. Mrs. Sawyer was not arrested.

Today Sawyer was arraigned before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter, Jr., at New Orleans, bond of \$10,000 was ordered, and Sawyer said he would not fight his return to St. Paul. Plans were made to transfer him as soon as a copy of the indictment is received. In St. Paul, federal agents dispatched copies of the indictments which charge him with kidnaping and kidnaping conspiracy in connection with the "snatching" and \$200,000 ransoming of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank.

Only Four At Large.

Sawyer's arrest leaves only four members of the Karpis-Barker gang at large, it was announced in Washington today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver and Volney Davis.

Twenty-nine other members and aides of the gang either have been killed or captured in the nationwide drive against "big time" crime staged by the federal government.

Ten of these now are on trial in St. Paul on kidnaping conspiracy charges: Arthur (Doc) Barker, Oliver Berg, William E. Vidler, Jess Doyle, Harold Alderton, Philip Delaney, Edna Murray, John J. McLaughlin, James Wilson and Elmer Farmer.

Bolton Testifies Monday.

One member of the Barker-Karpis gang, Byron Bolton, has pleaded guilty in the Bremer case and is slated to take the witness stand in Judge M. M. Joyce's federal court Monday to testify for the government against his former machine-gunning comrades. His testimony is expected to conclude the government's case against the men and women it charges abducted Mr. Bremer Jan. 17, 1934, and held him prisoner for three weeks in a house at Bensenville, Ill., pending the ransom payment.

Was "Master Mind."

Sawyer's arrest brings into custody the "master mind" behind the wave of major crimes which led Homer E. Cummings, attorney general of the United States, to brand St. Paul as the nation's "poison spot of crime."

For many years his chief lieutenant, Sawyer ascended to the dictatorship of St. Paul's underworld when "Dapper Dan" Hogan, gangland overlord, who ruled his machine-gunning subjects from his

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"hot-dog shop" on Wabasha st., just outside the loop, was blown to death by a dynamite bomb attached to the starter of his automobile.

To and from that "hot-dog shop" traveled scores of underworld "heavies" on both the old and the new order—pickpockets, safecrackers, alcohol runners, bank bandits, kidnapers, confidence men. Crooks of all calibers from all parts of the middle west made the place their headquarters, and over its counters passed the loot from countless "jobs."

Money, stamps and other valuables taken in bank holdups, postoffice robberies, train lootings were "put on ice" there, to be disposed of when "cool" or to be exchanged outright for "cool dough" at a high commission.

Haven From "Heat."

Here the Dillingers, the Barkers, Van Meter, "Baby Face" Nelsons, "Killer" Burkes and others of their rapidly disappearing ilk found haven in time of "heat." Mobsters and hangers from all parts of the nation made the "hot-dog shop" their headquarters when in the Twin Cities, there to cover up past tracks and to lay plans for future "work." Sawyer, brought up in the old school of crime, began his known criminal career in Minneapolis in 1918, when he was fined \$100 as "Harry Sandovich alias Harry J. Porche" for attempted grand larceny.

He was arrested in Omaha in 1920 in connection with a robbery and turned over to authorities of Lincoln, Neb., for automobile theft. He jumped \$1,000 bond.

Paroled in 1918.

Even before his 1918 experience, however, he had been jailed and had pleaded guilty in Lincoln, Neb., for burglary with explosives. That was in 1915. He was paroled in 1918. Of heavy build, about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, he wears a perpetual frown, accentuated by his dark com-

plexion. Relatives, all of whom use their family name, Sandovich, live in Lincoln, Neb.

Aliases recorded by the federal bureau of investigation include "Dutch" Sawyer, Sandovich, Porche, Harry Harry Sandovich, Jew Harry and Harry Standley.

His arrest at Pass Christian resulted from a tip given Mr. McGee by William Simpson, sheriff's deputy, and A. C. De Metz, a motorcycle patrolman, who told the federal officer they were "suspicious of a man."

Financed Rackets.

Investigation revealed that since Sawyer reached the 3,000 population town of Pass Christian last November he had financed two Mississippi men in a lottery and policy game racket. It was this "backing" that led to his arrest, arousing the curiosity of the local officers.

In addition, he opened his own gambling house, dispatches from the southern town stated.

Was Barker, Karpis Pal.

Since his unannounced departure from St. Paul and from time to time Sawyer had associated with "Doc" Barker, Karpis and others of the Barker-Karpis gang, Mr. Hoover stated today in Washington.

"Sawyer was most certainly one of the principal members of the gang," Mr. Hoover was quoted in United Press dispatches. "He was too smart, undoubtedly, to have any of the Bremer ransom money in his possession."

Sawyer was indicted, along with two dozen other members and aides of the Barker-Karpis mob, by a federal grand jury in St. Paul, on charges both of kidnaping and kidnaping conspiracy. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest Jan. 4 and his bond fixed at \$100,000.

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Captured



HARRY SAWYER.

Captured at Pass Christian, Miss., according to a report from Washington today was HARRY SAWYER, indicted by a federal grand jury here in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

KIDNAPER TAKEN IN MISSISSIPPI

Harry Sawyer, former kingpin of the St. Paul underworld, sought as "finger man" in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, has been arrested.

Following his arrest Friday night, he was taken to New Orleans where he was to be arraigned today before a United States commissioner. It

was expected that the federal government would move at once to return him to St. Paul to stand trial.

Details of his arrest were not made public in the earliest bulletin announcing the capture.

Sawyer, whose true name is Harry Sandovich and who also was known as Harry J. Porche and Harry Sandovich, has been a fugitive for nearly a year.

He disappeared from St. Paul shortly after the Bremer kidnaping, Jan. 17, 1934. Ten members and alleged aids of the Barker-Karpis gang now are on trial in federal district court in St. Paul for the "snatching."

Sawyer was indicted both for the actual kidnaping and for conspiracy by a federal grand jury in St. Paul Jan. 22, this year.

Alky Dictator.

For many years Sawyer was chief lieutenant to "Dapper Dan" Hogan, who was widely known as a "fence" for middle west bandit gangs.

During the prohibition era the two turned to bootlegging and, with others, exercised a dictatorship over the alcohol business in the Twin Cities, combining this with other underworld activities.

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Editorials

BLIND POLICE?

ST. PAUL as a haven for kidnapers, murderers and gangsters generally was revealed again by the matter-of-fact testimony in the Bremer trial of Wynona Burdette, gunman's "moll."

She told how members of the Karpis-Barker gang came and went from this city, visiting each other openly and undisturbed in various furnished apartments in some of our better districts. They were open visits to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer, successor to "Dapper Dan" Hogan, underworld king who was blown up several years ago when he stepped on the starter of his car.

When arrangements were presumably completed and carried out here for the Bremer kidnaping the gang left and lived at various times in Illinois, Toledo and Cleveland. At the last place the federal agents caught up with the women but the gunmen escaped. The same happened in Atlantic City when stupid policing let Karpis and Campbell escape.

What interests the ordinary citizen most is how such persons could be in a community unknown to the police. The theory of policing under which St. Paul had been working since the famed days of John J. O'Connor was to let the crooks congregate and enjoy themselves, provided they behaved here. It was held that in this way the police could keep an eye, if not a finger, on them. What they did elsewhere was not a matter of local concern.

This theory of policing, presumably, was still being followed in 1933 when the Karpis-Barker gangsters and others lived openly here, but it did not prevent three large kidnapings and a number of other crimes. The system broke down, apparently, for the crooks didn't live up to their end of the bargain and the police were too feeble or venal to make them.

There can be no successful denial that the police knew they were here. A couple of them fell into their hands by accident and were promptly released through intervention of fixers or by higher police officials (i. e., William Weaver and Tommy Carrol).

Certainly the Bremer trial proves the case, if any further proof is necessary, against the police of that day. They let the crooks stay here, ply their trade, freed them when inadvertently caught and professed to have no knowledge of their presence.

How was it possible for police to be so incompetent?

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U. S. OFFICERS ARREST BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT

Harry Sawyer Captured
In Mississippi and Taken
To New Orleans.

Washington, May 4.—(A. P.)—The justice department Saturday announced the arrest Friday night at Pass Christian, Miss., of Harry Sawyer, wanted as one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1934.

He was taken into custody by justice department agents in the Mississippi city and removed immediately to New Orleans, where it was said he would be arraigned Saturday before a United States commissioner.

Gangsters to Testify On Bremer Kidnaping

St. Paul, Minn., May 4.—(I. N. S.)—A written confession by Elmer Farmer, naming Arthur (Doc) Barker and seven others as participants in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, stood Saturday as one of the strongest links in the government's chain of evidence introduced against the Barker-Karpis gang.

With the federal court trial of the ten defendants in adjournment Saturday, United States Attorney George Sullivan planned to call as his next witness Byron Bolton, Chicago gangster who entered a plea of guilty to conspiracy charges.

Bolton was expected to amplify the identification made by Farmer, a Bensenville, Ill., saloonkeeper, of Alvin Karpis, fugitive public enemy No. 1, as one of the actual kidnapers. The witness also was expected to tell the jury how the gang hit upon the plan of kidnaping the wealthy St. Paul banker.

Besides Barker and Karpis, co-leaders of the gang, Farmer's confession named as the kidnapers Harold Alderton, in whose Bensenville

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Letter Identifies 7 in Bremer Gang

Elmer Farmer of Bensenville Links Group With Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, May 3.—(AP)—Seven members of the Barker-Karpis mob, including Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Alvin Karpis, the latter still at large, were positively identified as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in a written confession of Elmer Farmer, one of the defendants, which was read to the jury in the conspiracy trial of ten persons in federal court today.

Disclosing the activities of the gang before and during the twenty-one-day period Bremer was held prisoner, Farmer, a tavern keeper of Bensenville, Ill., definitely linked with the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping, Doc Barker, Karpis and Harry Campbell, both fugitives; Harold Alderton, in whose home Bremer was held; Byron Bolton, referred to in the confession as "Montey" Carter, who pleaded guilty the opening day of the trial, April 15; Fred Barker, dead brother of Doc Barker, and George Zeigler, alias Fred Goetz, also dead.

Farmer's confession also tells that after Bremer's release Goetz gave him \$1,000 and that he had no idea it was money for his part in the Bremer abduction.

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**ARREST HARRY SAWYER
 AS BREMER KIDNAPER**

Washington, D. C., May 4.—(P)—
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 Pass Christian, Miss., of Harry
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 St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1934.

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JAIL ANOTHER IN BREMER CASE

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"FINGER MAN" IN CASE.

ST. PAUL, May 4.—(AP)—Harry Sawyer, arrested last night in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, is a former St. Paul underworld character and formerly operated a saloon here. Department of Justice agents here said he was the "finger man" in the kidnaping.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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HUNT YEAR TO GET GANGSTER

Federal Men Grab Member of Karpis-Barker Band in Southern Saloon

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)—The justice department today revealed the arrest of Harry Sawyer, one of the principal members of the shattered Karpis-Barker gang which splattered the nation with murders, kidnappings and other crimes.

Bureau of investigation officials disclosed only meager facts about the seizure of Sawyer and his wife in Pass Christian, Miss., last night. He was taken to New Orleans today for questioning and arraignment.

It was said that Sawyer was taken into custody specifically in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for which many other members of the gang are now being tried.

Agents had been searching the nation more than a year for Sawyer, whom after starting a career of crime in Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., became a leader of the St. Paul underworld and allegedly was the guiding hand behind many major crimes in the Northwest.

Seizure of Sawyer left at large only four members of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, including the shifty leader, Alvin Karpis. Twenty-nine others have been killed or captured.

Seized in Saloon

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 4 (UP).—Arrest of Harry Sawyer, St. Paul gangster, in a Pass Christian saloon last night was attributed by department of justice agents today to his inability to "go straight."

David McGee, chief of the New Orleans department of justice office, announced that Sawyer, alias Harry Sandowitch, under indictment in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul, was captured without resistance.

He had fled to the Mississippi gulf coast, McGee said, and remained in quiet hiding for months. Then the urge to get back into "a racket" proved too much, the federal agent said. Police at Pass Christian reported "a suspicious character" there. Agents were promptly sent to the place, and found Sawyer in the saloon.

Pass Christian police revealed that Sawyer had brought big-time criminal methods into action on the gulf coast when he financed two Mississippi men in a lottery and policy racket. This caused them to become suspicious, and resulted in his arrest.

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FEDERAL MEN CERTAIN TOUHY WAS INNOCENT

\$65,000 in Ransom Money

Traced to Chicago

Reserve Bank.

Government to Bring Sawyer,
Bremer 'Finger Man' Sus-
pect, to St. Paul.

Department of justice agents in Washington now are convinced that it was the Barker-Karpis gang, and not the Roger Touhy gang, which kidnaped William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933, it was learned in St. Paul Saturday night.

Approximately \$65,000 of the \$100,000 Hamm ransom money has turned up in the Chicago Federal Reserve bank, the money coming from various cities in the Chicago district, especially from Chicago, Cleveland and Toledo.

A considerable portion of the ransom paid for the release of the kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, who was abducted in January of 1934, also turned up in the Chicago area, it has been brought out in the present trial in St. Paul of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Sawyer to Be Brought Back.

The disclosure concerning the Hamm ransom money was coincident with the announcement Saturday night that "Omaha Harry" Sawyer, named by the federal government as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping, will be brought from New Orleans to stand trial separately from the defendants now being tried.

Sawyer was indicted at the same time as were other defendants.

It was reported Saturday night that the department of justice has information that George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, who was slain in Chicago after the Bremer kidnaping, had a part in the abduction of Hamm. Ziegler had been mentioned in the indictments naming 22 persons alleged to have had a part in the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy.

Ziegler, it was said, was the "brains" behind the distribution of the Hamm ransom money, but was killed after he had refused to take part of the Bremer ransom to Salt Lake City for exchange for other

guards followed Sawyer. The government men are certain, it was said, that Arthur (Doc) Barker, co-leader with Alvin Karpis of the Barker-Karpis gang, personally killed Ziegler. Barker is now on trial.

Federal men have learned, it was reported, that considerable of the Hamm ransom was passed in hotels and at race tracks.

The Barker-Karpis gang also has been definitely linked with the \$30,000 South St. Paul holdup August 20, 1933, when a policeman was killed and another wounded.

The federal government prosecuted Touhy and three associates, Eddie McFadden, Gus Schaefer and Willie Sharkey, for the Hamm kidnaping. All were acquitted. At the time, there was disagreement between government counsel and government agents. Several of the department of justice agents were of the opinion that the Touhy gang had no part in the kidnaping.

Sawyer to Be Questioned.

When Sawyer is brought back to St. Paul he is to be questioned rigorously concerning the Hamm abduction, it was learned.

It was expected that Sawyer, who was arrested Friday night, will be started back for St. Paul as soon as a copy of the indictment reaches New Orleans, and that he will be kept in the Ramsey county jail until arrangements for his trial are completed.

Bond Set at \$100,000.

Associated Press dispatches from New Orleans said that Sawyer waived extradition, and will be brought to St. Paul within a few days. United States Commissioner R. G. Carter, Jr., in New Orleans fixed Sawyer's bond at \$100,000.

"I haven't a chance to make any bond," Sawyer said with a grin.

Sawyer's arrest, according to department of justice records, reduced to three the number of alleged conspirators in the Bremer abduction still at large. They are Alvin Karpis, sought as the ring-leader of the gang that kidnaped the St. Paul banker in January, 1934, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis.

Others indicted for the crime either have been captured or slain.

Sawyer Called 'Brains' of Plot.

While Karpis has been named as the man who directed the actual kidnaping of Bremer, who was held for 22 days while negotiations for the ransom payment were under way, in the opinion of investigators Sawyer was the "brains" behind the abduction and the money changing that followed.

Shortly after the kidnaping Sawyer was arrested in St. Paul, but was released when police said they were satisfied that he had no connection with the abduction. Sawyer remained in St. Paul for some time afterward, but disappeared upon learning that he had been indicted for conspiracy in the kidnaping. He lived on a farm just outside St. Paul.

Sawyer was identified Saturday

Minneapolis Sunday Tribune.
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Hamm Kidnaping

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Testifies at Bremer Trial



Wynona Burdette, 21 year old former radio singer and former sweetheart of Harry Campbell, testified for the government in the trial of ten for \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn. She told of her association with Campbell and others in St. Paul prior to the abduction. Campbell is a fugitive member of the gang.

(Associated-Press Photo.)

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SAWYER TO FACE TRIAL IN BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

"Fingerman" Captured in Southern Resort.

St. Paul, Minn., May 4.—[Special.]—Harry Sawyer, reputed "fingerman" in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and identified as an associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, today was in the custody of special agents of the department of justice after his arrest last night at Pass Christian, Miss., deluxe gulf watering place.

Under indictment in the kidnaping for which ten persons are on trial before federal Judge M. M. Joyce here, the prisoner was taken to New Orleans for arraignment before a United States commissioner. Sawyer, a fugitive for nearly a year, will be brought to St. Paul to await trial.

Trial to Be Completed.

Arrest of Sawyer in the \$200,000 abduction of the St. Paul banker January 17, 1934, will cause no change in conduct of the trial here which yesterday closed its third week. But prosecutors and heads of the bureau of investigation evidenced elation at the capture.

The arrest left only four members of the Barker-Karpis gang at large. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell who recently escaped a federal trap at Atlantic City, and William Weaver and Volney Davis. Federal agents either have killed or captured 29 other members of the gang.

Sawyer alias Harry Sandlovich, who took the St. Paul underworld throne after "Dapper Danny" Hogan had been slain with a bomb, is the man who sat at the center of an alleged web of corruption which led Attorney General Homer S. Cummings to brand St. Paul a "poison spot of crime."



HARRY SAWYER.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

Credited for "Tipoff" Mr. Schilder.....
Reports have been current here for a long time that it was Sawyer who "tipped off" authorities and caused the death of Homer Van Meter, who was shot down in St. Paul, and of Fred and Ma Barker in their hideout.

Witnesses in the present trial have testified that members of the Barker-Karpis gang prior to the kidnaping visited the home of Sawyer and told of his association with the gang afterwards. At one time, shortly after Bremer's release, a federal operative testified, Sawyer and Fred and "Ma" Barker went with others to visit the tavern of Elmer Farmer at Bensenville, Ill. It was at Bensenville, the home of Harold Alderton, that Bremer was held captive for three weeks. Farmer and Alderton are among the defendants on trial.

Resume Testimony Tomorrow.

Trial of the ten will be resumed Monday morning with Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty as the trial started, scheduled to take the stand for the government.

Bolton, who was a member of the inner circle of the Barker-Karpis gang, will give testimony to cap a long line of witnesses called by the government. Prosecutors indicated he will tell of the gang's activities from the abduction until Bremer's release. Witnesses have told amazing stories of the gang and its money changers.

\$50,000 Ransom Exchanged.

The money changers, allegedly headed by John J. [Boss] McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, exchanged approximately \$50,000 of ransom money, according to signed and verbal statements given the federal men by seven of the defendants.

Dr. Joseph Moran, former associate of McLaughlin in the money exchange, is said to have been slain by the gang for trying to flee with part of the money.

Only Arthur [Doc] Barker failed to reveal any information as agents of the department of justice, working out of Chicago under Melvin Purvis, pieced together the stories in which not a single important discrepancy has been found.

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\$65,000 HAMM RANSOM CASH SHOWS UP HERE

Ties Barker-Karpis Gang to
Brewer's Kidnaping; Seize
13th Prisoner in Bremer Case

ST. PAUL, May 4.—(AP)—Approximately \$65,000 of William Hamm ransom money has come into the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, and Department of Justice officials in Washington are convinced the Barker-Karpis mob—not the Roger Touhy gang—kidnaped the millionaire St. Paul brewer June 15, 1933.

The disclosure was made coincident with the arrest of Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul underworld character and reputed "finger man" in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Contrary to the general belief that no Hamm ransom money had turned up heretofore, it had been established, federal officials said, that thousands of dollars have rolled into the federal reserve bank from various cities in the Chicago district, especially from Chicago, Cleveland and Toledo.

BREMER CASH HERE

A considerable portion of the Bremer ransom, it was brought out at the trial of ten persons for the Bremer abduction now in progress here, also has been "peddled" in Chicago, Toledo and Cleveland.

Sawyer was arrested last night near Pass Christian, Miss., and tonight waited in a New Orleans jail for the government to carry out processes necessary for his return to St. Paul and trial. Bond was set at \$100,000. He waived extradition.

Ten now are being tried here and one, Byron Bolton, Chicago, who pleaded guilty as the trial opened, is to take the stand Monday. He is regarded as the government's star witness.

Among the conspirators still hunted are Alvin Karpis, named by the government with Arthur ("Doc") Barker, now on trial, as co-leader in the abduction plot, and Harry Campbell, both counted among the nation's most dangerous fugitive criminals. Washington authorities said no trace had been found of either since they shot their way out of a trap several weeks ago at Atlantic City, N. J.

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BREMER PLOTTER ACCUSES SUSPECT

Man Taken in Mississippi
Pointed Out Victim,
Bolton States.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, May 6.—Harry Sawyer, arrested in Mississippi Friday night by Federal agents, today was named by Byron Bolton, Bremer kidnap defendant who pleaded guilty three weeks ago, as the man who pointed out Edward G. Bremer at a St. Paul bowling alley before he was kidnaped. Bolton testified in the Federal court trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker and nine others, charged with complicity in the \$200,000 abduction.

Bolton, 37-year-old alleged machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, took the stand as a Government witness. He pleaded guilty on April 15 to a charge of conspiracy to kidnap Bremer. Sentence was withheld pending conclusion of the present trial.

Asked by United States District Attorney George Sullivan, whether Sawyer's name was mentioned at the time Bolton met George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, who now is dead, and Willie Harrison, fugitive, in Chicago the night of January 11, to discuss kidnap plans, the witness said:

"Yes. He (Ziegler) said that Sawyer had already pointed the man out to him. He said Sawyer had taken him to a bowling alley and had shown him the man there."

Sawyer Held
ALLEGED BREMER KIDNAPER
IN CUSTODY.

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HARRY SAWYER,
Alias Sandlovitch, arrested in New Orleans in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, jr., shown after he was ordered held in \$100,000 bond.

Prosecution Rests in Bremer Case

ST. PAUL.—The Federal Government rested its case against eight defendants accused of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer at noon today.

A few minutes earlier U. S. Dist. Atty. Sullivan announced that the Government's case against two of the defendants, Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, the Kansas City "kissing bandit," had been dismissed.

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Gangsters Await Bolton's Squeal

Wash. Herald 5/6/35
ST. PAUL, Minn., May 5 (I.N.S.)
The story the entire underworld has been fearing is expected to be told tomorrow in Federal court by Byron Bolton when the Government reaches the climax of its case in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Bolton, machine-gunner, said by the Government to have explained the mystery of the St. Valentine's Day massacre, will accuse not only 10 persons on trial in the Bremer case, but gangland leaders much higher up.

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ST PAUL DISPATCH

May 6, 1935

Insisted Gang Seize Bremer, Mob Aid Says

Confessed Conspirator Charges Underworld Kingpin Demanded Kidnaping Be Carried Out When Outlaws Changed Minds and Decided to Rob St. Paul Victim's Bank Instead.

CASES OF JESS DOYLE AND EDNA MURRAY DISMISSED ON MOTION OF PROSECUTOR

Charges against two defendants were dismissed and the government rested its case today as Byron Bolton, gang gunner, testified in Federal court here that Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld chieftain, was the "finger man" in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

The government rested at 12:09 P. M. after charges against Jess Doyle and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, had been dismissed on a motion by the prosecution.

Taking the stand in Federal court, where the trial is being held, Bolton testified that:

Sawyer, who was arrested Friday at Pass Christian, Miss., pointed out Bremer to the kidnapers in a St. Paul bowling alley.

Changing their minds at the last minute, the gangsters wanted to abandon their kidnap plans and rob Bremer's bank instead, but Sawyer insisted on the abduction because the bank was "too tough."

Bremer was actually seized by Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpis and William Weaver, while George Ziegler, Fred Barker and Volney Davis "stood by" in an automobile a block away.

Bolton, 37-year-old father of two children, and the alleged machine-gunner of the Barker-Karpis mob, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the abduction when the current trial opened April 15. Today he took

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the stand as the government's "ace" witness in the case.

Dark, sleek-haired and dressed in a dark suit and grey shirt, he testified in a low voice, but answered without hesitation all questions put to him by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney.

His testimony, in substance, was this:

He was living in Phoenix, Ariz., when he received a telegram on January 10, 1934, from George Ziegler, one of the Barker-Karpis "hot shot" gangsters, summoning him to Chicago. Ziegler sent money for the trip, which Bolton made by airplane, arriving in Chicago the following day. Bolton explained at this point that Ziegler's real name was Fred Goetz, previously believed to be an alias.

Arriving in Chicago, Bolton went to Ziegler's apartment, where he found Ziegler and Willie Harrison, a Hammond, Ind., tavern keeper. Ziegler then told him that "we're going to kidnap a fellow in St. Paul," and said the gang wanted him to take charge of the house, presumably referring to the hide-out where Bremer was to be held captive.

Sawyer Visited Flat.

Bolton said he refused to take part in the abduction, but continued to live in Ziegler's flat. While he was there, Sawyer visited the place once. Then Ziegler told him the St. Paul underworld figure, now in New Orleans awaiting removal here, had pointed out the man to be kidnaped.

"He took them (the kidnapers) to a bowling alley where the man was bowling, and pointed him out," Bolton said Ziegler informed him.

Bolton remained at Ziegler's apartment until after the kidnaping, perpetrated January 17, 1934, when Bremer was dragged out of his automobile at Lexington and Goodrich avenues.

Ziegler had left the apartment before the abduction, but returned a day or two later and told Bolton that "we kidnaped Bremre in St. Paul and have him in Alderton's house." He referred to the home of Harold Alderton, one of the defendants, in Bensenville, Ill.

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After imparting this information, Ziegler gave Bolton further information about the abduction. He said that, arriving in St. Paul the gangsters had wanted to abandon their kidnap plans and rob the Commercial State bank, of which Bremer is president. Sawyer insisted that they go through with the abduction, however, saying he had looked over the bank and decided it was "too tough" to be robbed.

When the abduction was finally staged, Ziegler said, according to Bolton, that Ziegler and Fred Barker and Volney Davis remained in one automobile, about a block from the scene, while Bremer was seized by Arthur (Doc) Barker, William Weaver and Alvin Karpis, the latter called "Ray" by his friends.

Two Now Are Dead.

Of these men, all "heavies" of the Barker-Karpis gang, Ziegler and Fred Barker now are dead, the first slain by other mobsters and

the second by Federal agents; Doc Barker is a defendant in the present trial; and the others still are fugitives.

During the days following the kidnaping, Bolton testified, he went to the "hideout" as a messenger from Ziegler, who remained in Chicago, and saw there Alderton, Doc Barker, Karpis, Weaver and Harry Campbell, the latter another gangster fugitive in the case. On one occasion Bolton saw Bremer being led past him, with bandaged head, and was informed by Campbell that "he got a little rough and we had to use force."

During the period of Bremer's captivity, Ziegler made several trips between Chicago and St. Paul, being accompanied by Sawyer on at least one of the journeys, Bolton testified. But Ziegler was dissatisfied with Sawyer's activities, saying in Bolton's hearing that "he hasn't been fulfilling his part of the agreements; he hasn't got us a decent place to work from, or a decent place to stay."

Ziegler also complained of difficulty in delivering the ransom notes, saying at one time: "Volney is sure to be 'made.' He walked up to a priest and delivered a note."

The reference presumably was to a ransom note delivered to Rev. John Deere, Catholic priest at Prior Lake and a friend of the Bremer family.

On the day of Bremer's release,

February 7, 1934, Ziegler called Bolton by telephone from Bensenville and told him to bring his (Ziegler's) automobile from Chicago. Bolton then drove the car to Alderton's house, watched the gangsters load their victim into it and drive away.

Later, Bolton accompanied Ziegler, Fred Barker and Davis to an apartment which Ziegler maintained in Berwyn, Ill., a short distance from Chicago. Fred Barker and Davis then left, but returned with two big packages, which they tossed on a couch.

"Well, there's the money," Fred Barker remarked, according to Bolton. "We certainly had one hell of a time getting it!"

The following day, in Ziegler's Chicago apartment, Ziegler appeared with seven or eight smaller packages, and explained that the ransom money had been split. All the kidnapers but the two Barkers and Sawyer had given their shares to Ziegler for safekeeping, however, Ziegler explained to Bolton.

Ziegler wanted to give Bolton \$3,000 for his assistance, but Bolton said he refused to take it. The two then drove to the home of an uncle of Ziegler's wife at Wilmington, Ill., and left the money there.

Later, following the slaying of Ziegler on March 20, 1934, Bolton went to Aurora, Ill., with Volney Davis, met Weaver, Campbell and Doc Barker there, and claimed his \$3,000 share. He then turned \$2,000 of it over the Ziegler's widow.

Bolton was arrested last January in Chicago, where he was living with Russell (Slim) Gibson, another member of the mob who was slain by Federal agents.

Under cross-examination today, Bolton was asked by John De Courcy of defense counsel whether he was not known as "Machinegun Bolton." The witness nodded as though in assent, but answered "No."

Bolton was followed on the stand by Simon A. Cinotto, Wilmington carpenter, who was the last government witness.

Package Left in Garage.

Cinotto, uncle of Ziegler's wife, Irene Dorsey, said that a package, presumably containing the ransom money, had been left in his garage the middle of February, 1934, and that Irene and a man he did not know had called for it some time later.

The package, believed to contain more than \$100,000, was hidden under some old furniture, and part of the time the garage was not even locked.

When Cinotto left the stand, dismissal of the charges against Doyle and Mrs. Murray was asked by the government, and the motion was upheld by Judge M. M. Joyce. At the request of DeCourcy, however, they will be held here as possible defense witnesses.

On leaving here, Mrs. Murray, known as "the kissing bandit," will be returned to the Missouri state penitentiary, from which she escaped while serving a 25-year sentence for robbery.

Doyle may be tried for the robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, which he is said to have confessed, or be sent to Okechmah, Okla., where he also is wanted on bank robbery charges.

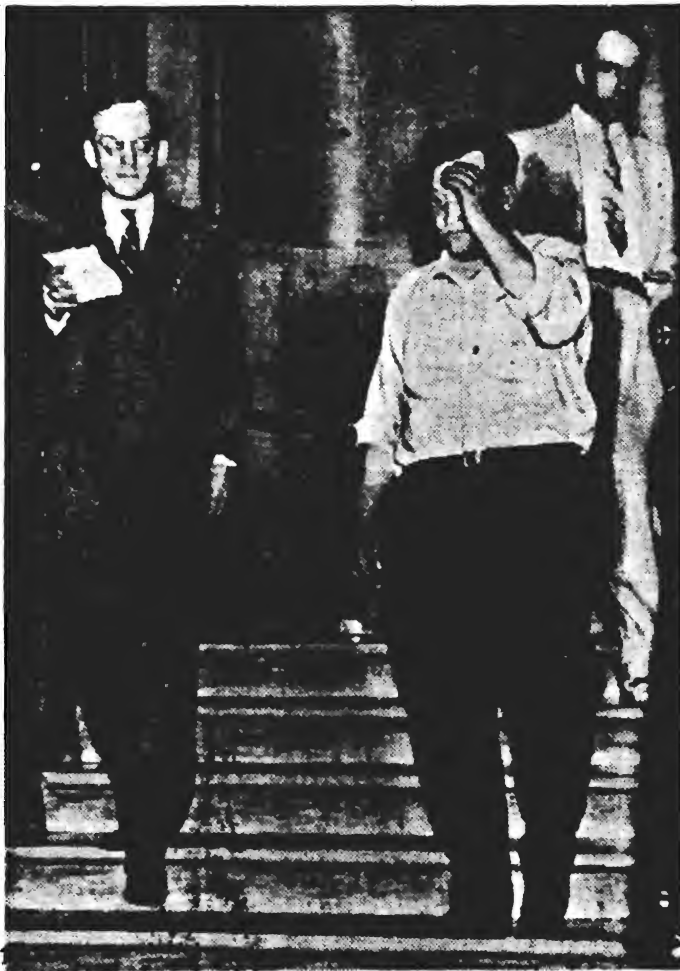


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SAWYER IN U. S. CUSTODY



Sought for many months in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, Harry Sawyer, alias Harry Sandlovitch, was captured at Pass Christian, Miss., Saturday. Sawyer is shown in the Federal building at New Orleans in custody of deputies as he was taken before the commissioner for arraignment. He is being held in default of \$100,000 bail. Sawyer is alleged to have been the Kingpin of St. Paul's underworld for several years.

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The defense is expected to take about a week and this followed by pleas to the jury by six defense counsel and the prosecution as well as the court's charge will send the case into the jury room for deliberation about May 15.

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Robert Rensch, attorney for John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, made such a motion on behalf of his client and for Phil Delaney and William Vidler.

"McLaughlin's name," he continued, "was not even mentioned for seven weeks after the kidnaping. Even Dr. Moran, Oliver Berg and Russell Gibson did not know that it was ransom money they were handling. How was McLaughlin to know when he was the third party."

Mr. McMeekin told Trial Judge M. M. Joyce that Delaney was obligated to McLaughlin and that it had been Delaney's habit to drive McLaughlin around Chicago whenever the political boss requested.

"And so Delaney did not consider it out of the ordinary when McLaughlin called for him," McMeekins said. "And when Delaney went into a bank six times and exchanged \$4,000 on each occasion he didn't believe it was ransom money. He may of thought it was counterfeit money but not ransom money."

A. J. Hoffman, attorney for Vidler, declared that Vidler's statement, too, speaks for itself.

"Widler's statement that the ransom money was thrown into his car as he crossed a bridge was a joke and was considered so by the agents to whom he had given the statement," Mr. Hoffman said.

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MACHINE GUNNER TELLS ALL; BLOW TO FINAL HOPES FOR RELEASE OF BARKER AND AIDS

**Claims Ziegler Wanted To Abandon
"Snatch" And Rob Bremer Bank
Instead But St. Paul Under-
world Czar Called Plan
"Too Tough"**

Government attorneys today rested their case against members of the Barker-Karpis gang who have been on trial in United States district court for three weeks for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

After dismissing the charges against Edna Murray and Jess Doyle, two alleged members of the gang, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the government had no additional evidence to present against Arthur (Doc) Barker and seven remaining defendants.

End of the government's case followed presentation of the most damaging testimony of the trial.

The testimony came from the lips of Byron Bolton, former member of the gang, who had pleaded guilty to kidnap charges. The 37-year-old former Springfield, Ill., garageman linked major members of the Karpis-Barker gang with the snatching.

Accompanied by two United States marshals, Bolton was brought into a courtroom filled to capacity to testify against the persons he once associated with. Pale from the long days in jail and visibly worried, the former gambler told of the release of Bremer and gave other startling testimony.

Put the "finger" on Harry Sawyer, captured at Pass Christian, Miss., last week as the "finger man" in the snatching of the St. Paul banker.

Testified to the delivery of the \$200,000 ransom money to a Berwyn, Ill., apartment by Fred Barker and Volney Davis.

Hiding of a part of the ransom money by George Ziegler, dead member of the gang, pending finding of a money-changer.

How Ziegler suggested after Mr. Bremer has been kidnaped that the snatching be abandoned and that the gang loot the Commercial State bank instead and how Sawyer had advised against this saying it was "too tough."

Bolton told of his part in the kidnaping—driving Ziegler to the kidnap house and to places where other members of the gang were hiding out—in a voice that was hardly audible. Judge M. M. Joyce instructed the witness to speak up.

Sawyer Being Led To Cell



HARRY SAWYER, former St. Paul underworld kingpin, as he was being led to a cell after appearing before a United States commissioner at New Orleans, is shown above. Sawyer held a handkerchief over his face as photographers snapped his picture. The picture reveals, however, that he has added considerable weight, about 45 pounds, since he fled from St. Paul. Sawyer, also known as Harry Sandlovich, is to be returned to St. Paul to face charges in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer Jan. 17, 1934. He is alleged to have been the finger man of the gang. Sawyer was captured by federal agents at Pass Christian, Miss., last Saturday.

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While his lethal story was being told, Barker looked directly at him; Edna Murray stared at the floor; Alderton stared at the witness; William Vidler, Philip Delaney and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin appeared indifferent, and J. J. Wilson, Oliver Berg and Jesse Doyle gazed about the courtroom, apparently unmoved by the narration.

Mr. Bremer, Mrs. Bremer and Walter Magee, the contact man, were in the courtroom and listened intently to each word that fell from the lips of the witness. Mr. Bremer entered the courtroom through the marshal's office at 10:30 a. m. He sat behind Bolton and the witness could not see him.

Bolton Flew East.

Bolton was led into the courtroom by two United States marshals. He took the oath and then started his testimony saying he lives in Chicago, is 37 years old, married and has two children. He said he had pleaded guilty to the crime of conspiracy to kidnap and then launched into the story of events

leading up to the kidnaping and the abduction.

"Where were you the first of January, 1934?"

"Phoenix, Ariz."

"When did you leave?"

"Jan. 10. I went to Chicago."

"Why did you leave?"

"I got a telegram from George Ziegler."

"How did you travel?"

"By airplane. Ziegler paid the cost."

"When did you arrive?"

"Jan. 11, about 8 p. m. I went to Ziegler's apartment on Garfield blvd., 1800 block."

"Who did you meet there?"

"Willie Harrison and George Ziegler." He then identified pictures of Ziegler and Harrison.

Told Of Kidnap Plot.

"Were there any other persons there?"

"Ziegler's wife, Irene."

"Did you talk with them that night?"

"Yes. Irene was not there."

"State the conversation."

"Ziegler asked me if I would take care of a house as they wanted to kidnap a man in St. Paul. They said the man there was no good and they wanted to send him away. I told them I didn't want anything to do with it."

"Who said they were going to kidnap a St. Paul man?"

"Ziegler."

"When were they to leave?"

"The next morning."

Sawyer Mentioned.

"Was Sawyer mentioned?"

"Yes. He said Sawyer already had pointed the man out. The man's name was not mentioned."

"You stayed there that night?"

"Yes. On the morning of the 12th Ziegler and Harrison had gone."

"When next did you see Ziegler?"

"On the evening of Jan. 18 or 19 in his apartment. He was alone."

"How was he dressed?"

"He was dressed in business clothes."

"What talk did you have?"

"He told me that they had kidnaped Bremer and that he was in Alderton's house in Bensenville."

Preferred Robbing Bank.

"Was anything said about Bremer's bank?"

"Ziegler said when he got up here he wanted to abandon the kidnaping and rob the bank but Sawyer said it was too tough and to stick to the kidnaping."

"Did you know Barker at the time?"

"Yes. I knew Doc Barker for six or eight weeks. I saw him at Ziegler's house."

"And Ray Karpis?"

"I knew him about the same time."

"How long have you known Willie Harrison?"

"About three or four years. I played golf with Harrison."

"This talk with Ziegler Jan. 18, was any mention made as to who participated in the kidnaping?"

"He said Fred Barker, Ziegler, Volney Davis were in a car a block away. Doc Barker, Karpis and Campbell did the actual snatching."

"Did you go to Bensenville after your talk with Ziegler?"

"Yes. I went to Alderton's house. I got there about 11 o'clock."

Had "Put Up Battle."

"What happened when you got there?"

"I rapped on the door and Karpis let me in. I told him Ziegler sent me and wanted to know if they wanted anything."

"Did you go in the house?"

"I went in the kitchen. I saw Doc Barker, Campbell, Bill Weaver, Karpis and Alderton." The witness identified photos of Weaver, Karpis, Campbell and Alderton's house.

"Did you see any other man in the house?"

"While I was there, they took a bandaged man to the bathroom."

They told me he put up a battle and they had to get rough. He described the man as six foot, 190 pounds."

Left For St. Paul.

"Describe the man."

"He was about six-foot tall and weighed about 195 pounds."

"What did you do then?"

"I went back to Chicago and told Ziegler they arrived all right and had had no message."

"How were the men at Alderton's dressed?"

"Hunting clothes."

"Did Ziegler stay in his apartment that night?"

"Yes. He left for St. Paul the next morning."

"When did you see him again?"

"I saw him the day Bremer was released and two or three times in between."

"Was Sawyer ever with him?"

"Yes, about Jan. 28 or 29."

Government exhibit No. 57, a picture of Harry Sawyer, was identified by the witness.

"Did you talk to him at the time?"

There When Bremer Freed.

"No, but I heard Ziegler tell Sawyer he had to do better in getting a place to work from, as the places he had picked so far had too much heat on them."

"Did you have any talks with Ziegler on his visits?"

"No. He was too busy. Once he said Sawyer was getting places to work from, but that he wasn't doing a good job of it. He also said they were having a lot of trouble delivering the notes. He said Volney Davis was sure it would be delivered as he had walked up to a priest and delivered a note for the Bremers."

"Were you at Alderton's when Bremer was released?"

"Yes, I drove Ziegler there in his car."

Saw Bremer Near House.

"How far up the alley did you drive the Ziegler car?"

"About half way up the alley."

"What kind of a car was it?"

"A 1932 Chevrolet coupe."

"When you got to the house, what happened?"

"Ziegler told me to walk up York st. and he would pick me up 15 minutes later. I saw Bremer and Doc Barker leave the house in the passageway between the shack and the house. Mr. Bremer had his handkerchief up to his face and seemed to have something tied around the back of his head like goggles. Doc Barker was helping him."

"Did you see Barker and Ziegler after you left the house?"
"I saw them again in York st. as they passed me in the Chevrolet coupe."

"What then?"
"Ziegler came back and picked me up."

"Did Ziegler say anything to you?"

Identifies Photographs.

"As I got in, he said 'I'm awfully glad that's over.'"

"Where did you go then?"

"We went to Berwyn, Ill., about 16 miles from Bensenville. We met Fred Barker and Volney Davis in a Buick sedan." The witness identified photographs of Fred Barker and Volney Davis.

"When Ziegler came up to the other car, what did he do?"

"He stopped and talked to them a few minutes."

"When you got to Berwyn?"

"We went to an apartment. Davis and Barker took two large boxes out of their car and carried them upstairs. Each carried one box."

Hard Time Getting Money.

"How were they dressed?"

"All three, Barker, Ziegler and Davis wore hunting clothes."

"What was done with the boxes?"

"Fred Barker threw them down on the davenport and said, 'there's the money. We had a hard time to get it.'"

"What kind of boxes were they?"

"Cardboard boxes tied with cord."

"Did they change clothes then?"

"Yes. They put on business clothes. Fred and Davis then left each taking a box. Then Ziegler and I left to go to Ziegler's apartment."

"Did you see him the next day?"

"Yes, before he left which was about 9 a. m. I saw him again about 2 p. m. He told me he had several packages to deliver and wanted me to go along."

"Describe the packages."

"They were of different sizes wrapped in brown paper. They weren't big packages."

"Was anything said about division of money?"

Refused "Hot" \$3,000.

"He said he had all the money except Sawyer's, Doc's and Freddie Barker. He had \$3,000 taken off for me and I told him I didn't want it. He said I was going to get it anyway as soon as it was changed. He said he was keeping the money until he could get a money changer."

"What did Ziegler do with the money?"

"We went to Wilmington and there he put it all in one bundle. I told him that looked like a lot of money and he said 'yes,' as he had some of the other fellow's money there, too."

"Whose house did you go to in Wilmington?"

"Simonson Otto. He is a relative of Ziegler's. We left the package there and went back to Chicago."

"What did you do?"

"I left Chicago that night and went back to Phoenix, Ariz. I stayed there until late in March, 1934."

"When did you return to Chicago?"

"At the end of March. Ziegler's wife wired me and I went to see her. I then tried to get in touch with Volney Davis and it took me about three weeks. I also saw Willie Harrison and told him I wanted to get some money for Irene (Ziegler's wife). He told me to come back in a couple of days. This was around the middle of April and so I came back in a couple of days with Davis, whom I had found."

Met Davis In April.

"Do you know the date you met Volney Davis?"

"It must have been in the middle of April."

"What did you say to him?"

"I told him I wanted some money for Mrs. Ziegler and he took me to Aurora, Ill. We drove there in Davis' automobile."

"When you got at this house in Aurora, who did you see?"

"Doc Barker, Weaver and Campbell."

"What did you say to them?"

"I told them I wanted the \$3,000 they had promised me and Doc Barker gave it to me."

"What had become of Ziegler?"

"He was dead. He died March 20, 1934."

Kept \$1,000 For Self.

"What was the money you received?"

"\$1,000 in \$100 bills. The rest in other denominations."

"After receiving it where did you go?"

"I returned to Mrs. Ziegler and gave her \$2,000 and kept the \$1,000 for myself."

"Did you go back to Arizona?"

"Yes. I remained there until June. I then went to Appleton, Wis., remained there until November. Then I went to Bensenville, where I saw Willie Harrison. I went to Chicago and stayed with him for about three weeks."

Identifies Photos.

"Did you see Doc Barker there?"

"Yes, in an apartment on Surf st. in November, 1934."

"Did you see Slim Gibson?"

"Yes. He lived on Pine Grove ave. I lived with him in December and a part of January." The witness then identified a photograph of Gibson.

"That was up until the time of your arrest?"

"Yes."

Points Out Accomplices.

"How long had you known Slim Gibson?"

"I met him in November, 1934."

"Did you see Doc Barker during November and December, 1934, and January, 1935?"

"Yes, a number of times."

"Was Doc Barker's nose bruised during that time?"

"Yes. He wore a plaster across it. He said the doctor had done a rotten job on his nose."

"Did he mention an accident?"

"No."

"Did you go to Florida?"

"Yes, on Dec. 20, with Willie Harrison. Harrison said he was going to get a job. We came back Jan. 4."

"Did you see Dov on that trip?"

"Yes, I saw Doc Barker and Slim Gibson in Macon, Ga."

"Do you see Alderton in the room?"

"Yes, that's him." (Alderton stood up.)

"Do you see Farmer?" (Farmer stood up and at the same time Berg popped up. Berg was pulled down by Doyle.)

"And do you see Doc Barker?"

Barker rose with a swagger.

"That's him," the witness said.

Calls Self Gambler.

Bolton's testimony was concluded and a recess was ordered by the court. When court reconvened, John DeCourcy, attorney for Barker, started his cross-examination.

"What is your business?"

"I have no business. I am a gambler."

"You say you left Appleton, Wis., in 1934?"

"Yes. I was there all summer."

"What kind of gambling?"

"I had about 15 slot machines there."

"How did you make your money to gamble?"

"I played golf."
"What is your average score?"
"I average 75."
"Did you ever work?"
"About six years ago."
"How long did you know Ziegler?"
"About six years. I met him in Springfield, Ill., where I had a garage."

Never Was Convicted.

"Were you ever convicted of a crime?"
"No, sir."
"You say Ziegler kept his car in your garage?"
"Yes, off and on."
"For how long a period did he keep his car there?"
"Six months."
"When did you see him next?"
"I saw him in Wisconsin about five or six years ago."
"When you received this telegram from Ziegler in 1934, how long before you saw him?"
"I saw him the preceding December."

Used Benson As Alias.

"You say you got money by telegram to get to Chicago? How much was it?"
"\$50."
"Did you ever live on Surf st. under the name of Allen?"
"No, as Benson."
"You married under what name?"
"Byron Bolton."
"What name were you under at Phoenix, Ariz.?"
"Carter."
"Was it not you and Ziegler who got Bremer out of the house that morning?"
"No, sir."

Fugitive Since Summer.

"You say Mrs. Ziegler wired you to return?"
"Yes, I borrowed the money and came back by train."
"You say you requested \$2,000 for her?"
"Yes. She needed it."
"When did you first see Harry Sawyer?"
"I don't believe I can recall that."
"Then you didn't see him for the first time in Chicago?"
"No, I had seen him before."
"Are you a war veteran?"
"Yes."
"Aren't you known as Machinegun Bolton?"

"No."
"Are you familiar with machine guns?"
"No."
"Was your army compensation cancelled?"
"At one time. I didn't report for examination."
"You have been a fugitive for some time?"
"Since last summer."
"Have you been offered any consideration by the government for your testimony in this case?"
"No."

Never Saw Berg.

Eugene Mathews, attorney for Doyle and Alderton, started cross-examination.
"Have you ever seen the defendant Berg before you came to court?"
"No."
"Did Alderton answer the door when you came to the house?"
"No."
"Did he usher you to the door?"
"Did you talk to him?"
"No."

"Is there any difference in his appearance now or at his home?"
"None whatsoever."
"Did you ever talk to Alderton?"
"No."
"That ended the cross-examination and Mr. Sullivan took the witness for re-direct examination.
"Have you seen Alderton in the jail?"
"Yes."

Lungs Affected.

"Are your lungs affected?"
"Yes."
"That's all."
"Bolton was on the stand for one hour and 35 minutes.
Simon A. Cinotto, Wilmington, Ill., was the next witness. He said that he knew Goetz for about six years, when he married his niece. He also said he knew him as Ziegler.
He testified that in the middle of February, 1934, Goetz came to his home. Cinotto was working in his carpenter shop.
"George came in and said 'Uncle Si, I have a package to storage here.' He had been in the habit of leaving stuff there so I didn't pay much attention to it."
"How was that package wrapped?"
"In cardboard or heavy wrapping paper with a heavy cord. He removed the other things and put this package down and he then moved the stuff back and covered it all with a tarpaulin I have in the place."

"After Goetz's death did you see his wife Irene?"
"About two days later around midnight she woke me up. I then went out of the house and unlocked the garage door."

Doyle, Murray Cleared.

"Who was with her?"
"There was a man with her."
"What did she do?"
"She went directly to the garage and the man with her took the package away."
"Was that all they took?"
"That's all. They left at once."
"Is that garage or shop locked?"
"Sometimes."
Mr. DeCourcy started cross-examination.

"Do you know Monty Carter?"
"Yes. It's been a long time. I saw him once in November."
The witness then was excused.
The government then dismissed the case against Doyle and Murray and Mr. DeCourcy asked that the Murray woman be required to remain within the jurisdiction of the court. Doyle and Miss Murray then were taken from the room, Doyle to await retainers from other places and Edna to remain in custody of the marshal as a defense witness.
The court then recessed until 2:30 p. m.

Barker Not To Testify

Arthur (Doc) Barker will be the only defendant of 10 being tried here in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, not to take the stand on his own behalf when the defense has its inning in federal court here this week.

In the meantime federal authorities here are preparing to receive Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul underworld kingpin, arrested at Pas Christian, Miss., Friday night. Sawyer is being held in New Orleans, La., awaiting removal papers, sent there by the St. Paul office Saturday morning. Sawyers is expected in St. Paul Tuesday or Wednesday.

As the defense prepares to go to bat, a check-up shows that John J. McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Philip E. Delaney, James Wilson, Oliver Berg, Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer are reported as defendants ready to take the stand on their own behalf.

ST PAUL DAILY NEWS

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IMPORTANT ARREST

ARREST of Harry Sawyer by the federal agents is a noteworthy and important event.

Sawyer for many years has been the reputed underworld king of this city, having succeeded to the throne occupied by the late "Dapper Dan" Hogan, whose demise was sudden when he stepped upon the starter of his car and set off a bomb.

While he was in St. Paul Sawyer enjoyed a strange immunity from police interference. When suspected persons found with concealed weapons were arrested in and about his well-known premises, there was always some influence which succeeded in gaining them their freedom, either through the posting of small bail or the failure of the police to press charges.

It was freely charged in the days before he succeeded "Dapper Dan" that the latter maintained a sort of clearing house for criminals and was tolerated, at the least, by the police in exchange for occasional bits of information.

Sawyer is charged with being one of those involved in the Bremer kidnaping. Specifically he is alleged to be the "finger man" who pointed out the victim and handled local details. On her testimony last week Wynona Burdette, "moll" of Harry Campbell, fugitive member of the Karpis-Barker gang, told how the gangsters made for Sawyer's home upon their arrival here before the kidnaping.

What the actual facts are in this allegation will be determined by the court. Meanwhile the important development is the capture of Sawyer by the federal agents. They have done what the police were never able to accomplish.

It would be a wholesome thing for St. Paul if Sawyer would reveal all the local crime ramifications of which the kidnaping cases were only a part.

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BOLTON INVOLVES SAWYER

Witness Calls Suspect "Finger Man" in Bremer Kidnaping.

By the United Press.

ST. PAUL, May 6.—Byron Bolton, former machine-gunner in the Barker-Karpis gang, told from the witness stand today a story which the federal government believed clinched its case against ten Bremer kidnaping suspects—all former allies of Bolton.

Harry Sawyer, Bolton testified, was the "finger man" in the Bremer case. Sawyer, long sought in connection with the kidnaping, was

captured in Mississippi Friday night. Sawyer pointed out Bremer to the actual kidnapers in a pool hall early last year, Bolton testified. A few days later, on January 17, 1934, the gang seized Bremer and held him for \$200,000 ransom.

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PRISONER ACCUSED IN BREMER CRIME

Lawyer Called 'Finger Man'
by One of Plotters.

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Bolton, a thirty-seven-year-old alleged machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, took the stand as a Government witness. He pleaded guilty on April 15 to a charge of conspiracy to kidnap Bremer. Sentence was withheld pending conclusion of the present trial.

Asked by United States District Attorney George Sullivan whether Sawyer's name was mentioned at the time Bolton met George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, now dead, and Willie Harrison, a fugitive, in Chicago the night of January 11, to discuss kidnap plans, the witness said:

"Yes. He (Ziegler) said that Sawyer had already pointed the man out to him. He said Sawyer had taken him to a bowling alley and had shown him the man there."

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GANGSTER TO TELL ALL

In a 'Spot'



ALVIN KARPIS

His crime activities may be revealed by 'Gunner' Bolton.

Full Bremer Kidnap Gang Expose Expected

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 5. (US).—The story that the entire underworld has been fearing is expected to be told Monday in Federal Court by Byron Bolton, when the Government reaches the climax of its case in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Bolton, machine-gunner, pal of the fugitive Alvin Karpis, public Enemy No. 1 of the Nation, and said by the Government to have explained the mystery of the St. Valentine's Day massacre, will accuse not only ten persons on trial in the Bremer case, but gangland leaders much higher up.

The machine gunner has pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiracy in the kidnaping and has given the Department of Justice a lengthy statement, it is reported.

ACTIVITIES WITH KARPIS.

Complications leading up to the Bremer snatch go back into underworld history, several chapters of which have been successfully hidden so far from the authorities. These are expected to be brought to light for the first time when Bolton is called on the stand by the Government.

Bolton's testimony is expected to reveal his early association with Karpis and the Barker brothers, Arthur "Doc" Barker, now on trial, and Fred Barker, slain with his mother, "Ma" Barker, in a Federal raid upon their hideout in Florida.

The murder combination of which Bolton was a part included, by his asserted admission, Murray Humphreys, Capone's successor, now in prison for tax evasion; Burke, jailed for life in Michigan; Claude Maddox, head of the once dreaded "circus" gang; Gus Winkler, murdered by gangsters, and Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, who was slain by gang guns.

Although the Government is expected to confine Bolton's testimony to the Bremer kidnaping, he is expected to relate how Goetz, a graduate of the University of Illinois, turned gangster and was slain because of a double-cross involving not only the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money, but the \$100,000 in cash paid for his release by William Hamm, Jr., millionaire St. Paul brewer.

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Link Barker Gang To Hamm Kidnap

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 5 (AP).—New evidence pointing to the Barker-Karpis gang as kidnapers of William Hamm, of St. Paul, in 1933, was revealed today, as the Government neared the climax in its case against ten persons on trial for the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

It was learned on authority \$65,000 of the \$100,000 ransom paid for the release of Hamm, millionaire brewer, had found its way into the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank from various cities, including Chicago, Cleveland and Toledo.

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BOLTON WILL BARE GANG'S INSIDE STORY

Involves St. Valentine Massacre; Called as Witness in the Bremer Ransom Case

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INVOLVES SECRETS.

That, at least, is the expectation, for the complicated mosaic of his story of the Bremer snatch goes back into history that the underworld has taken great pains, successfully so far, to keep as hidden chapters in its annals.

Bolton has confessed being a participant in the Bremer case, but his testimony, it is anticipated, will relate to the beginnings of his association with Karpis and the Barker brothers: Arthur ("Doc") Barker, now on trial, and Fred Barker, slain with his mother, "Ma" Barker, in a federal assault upon their Florida hideout.

LEADS TO MASSACRE.

That will bring in Bolton's affiliation with Fred ("Killer") Burke and the four other gangsters he listed in his purported confession as having been enlisted by Al Capone to carry through the St. Valentine's Day massacre and exterminate the rival gang of George ("Bugs") Moran.

The murder combination of which Bolton was a part included, by his asserted admission, Murray Humphreys, Capone's "successor," now in prison for tax evasion; Burke, jailed for life in Michigan; Gus Winkler, murdered by other gangsters, and Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler,

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killed in Cicero over a year ago by gang guns.

GOETZ STORY TO COME

While the government, for reasons of policy and in anticipation of later prosecutions in unsolved major crimes, may seek to limit Bolton's story to its actual application to the Bremer case, the part relating to Goetz is certain to get into the record.

Goetz, University of Illinois graduate, who turned gangster, was slain because of a double-cross involving not only the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money, but the \$100,000 cash paid for the release of William Hamm Jr., millionaire St. Paul brewer.

Government forces also stated that, with the arrest of Harry Sawyer, reputed "finger man" in the Bremer case, the thirteenth of the twenty-two persons indicted in the kidnaping to be trapped, they had additional evidence that the Hamm case was engineered by the same combination of Karpis and the Barkers which seized Bremer.

TOUHY GANG CLEARED

This evidence, absolving the Roger Touhy gang which was tried and acquitted for the Hamm kidnaping, is partly based on the fact that over \$65,000 of the ransom paid by Hamm was traced through the Chicago Federal Reserve district to agents of Karpis. It was passed at Chicago, Toledo and Cleveland.

Whatever the government's plans in limiting Bolton's testimony, the defense may seek to draw out his entire story to show that lesser defendants in the Bremer case were only minor figures in a pattern dominated by key figures of the underworld, past and present.

Bolton, however, will definitely name Karpis and "Doc" Barker as leaders in the Bremer case; Sawyer, captured Friday night at Pass Christian, Miss., as the finger man; and Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, fugitives, as among those who loaded the banker into the kidnap car after beating him over the

head, and then took him to the hideout at Bensenville, outside of Chicago, where he was held for twenty-one days in January and February of 1934.

SAWYER EXPECTED

Authorities indicated that they may not rest their three-week case with Bolton's story, but may seek to add substantially to their case by rushing Sawyer here to provide the final solution to the crime. Sawyer has waived extradition and indicated willingness to talk.

Bolton's appearance on the witness stand was foreshadowed Friday, when he was brought to an ante room, ready to go on, but Federal Judge M. M. Joyce ordered the trial adjourned to Monday, deferring the dramatic recitation.

WOMAN FACES PRISON

While the government is reported to have decided to ask for dismissal of charges against two of the defendants in the case, Mrs. Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit" and Jess Doyle, of Kansas City, the Murray woman faces return to Missouri state prison.

Lieut. Gov. Frank G. Harris of Missouri has issued a requisition for her return to Jefferson City, where she escaped three times, the last time in 1932, when she sawed her cell bars. She must complete a sentence of twenty-five years as an escaped convict.

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RELATES WORK IN CHICAGO OFFICE OF ACCUSED PHYSICIAN

A 27-year-old former Northwestern university medical student, James J. Wilson of Chicago, took the witness stand in his own defense today as an alleged conspirator in the \$200,000 ransom kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer.

Wilson, nattily attired in a light gray suit, blue tie and white shirt, was the second witness for the defense in the trial of Wilson and seven others, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, in Federal court. He followed Oliver Berg, life-term prisoner in Illinois prison, who also is one of the defendants and who completed his story after being on the stand Monday afternoon and throughout the morning session.

Wilson, born and reared in Spring Valley, Ill., told how he went to Chicago in 1931 and there met Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a relative by marriage, who is a fugitive in the Bremer kidnapping case. Wilson said, on examination by his attorney, Thomas Newman, that Moran is a brother or an uncle of his by marriage.

The curly-haired youth related how, hoping to obtain funds to continue medical school, he began working in the offices of Moran who promised to put aside a certain sum of money each week so he could return to Northwestern university.

Wilson said he specialized in chemical engineering while working in Spring Valley, Ill., where he was graduated from high school. He was employed later in a clock company at La Salle, Ill.

"I was an errand boy," Wilson said. "I told him of my financial circumstances and he told me he would try to send me to medical school and that he would put aside a certain sum for me each week."

Asked by Newman, who was appointed as Wilson's counsel by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at the time the defendant was arraigned, whether he received a salary, Wilson said:

"I received my room, board and laundry and he gave me a few extra dollars for amusement."



Told to Exchange Money.

Berg then told how he was told—by one of the men in bandages, believed to be "Doc" Barker, who is known to have had a face lifting operation, that he and Gibson and a woman were to "exchange some money." When Berg refused, he testified, the man in bandages said: "Why not, you are just as 'hot' as we are right now."

Berg told how he argued and finally said "If you want to know the truth, I wouldn't take the money for a gift."

The unidentified man's reply, Berg said, was:

"We will see whether or not you're going to do it."

Berg said he stayed at the home about 30 minutes and shortly afterward saw James J. Wilson, former

chauffeur for Dr. Moran, there. Wilson is one of the defendants.

Berg's rambling story then included how members of the gang went to drinking places and on one occasion, he said, he was abandoned on an island after a speedboat ride. He said he had been drinking with the others prior to taking the trip.

Cynosure of most eyes at the trial today was Richard (Dick) Arlen, former St. Paul boy and well known movie star, who came to the city with his wife to participate in the golden wedding anniversary of his parents. His wife, Jobyna Ralston, movie actress, also was expected to attend the trial this afternoon, Arlen said.

On cross-examination by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Berg admitted he was armed with a gun after he was engaged by Dr. Moran to guard the money which, the witness claimed, he was unaware was kidnap money.

Refused to Identify Photos.

Berg refused to identify photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, William Weaver and Harry Campbell, when they were shown him by Sullivan, as men who assembled at Berg's home. Weaver, Karpis and Campbell are fugitives.

Berg, on questioning by Sullivan, admitted he received \$800 from Dr. Moran, but asserted that \$340 was a debt that the physician owed him.

Berg admitted that he guarded the ransom money but refused to say, on cross-examination, that he was "hired."

"Dr. Moran did not hire me, Mr. Sullivan," the witness insisted.

Bolton 'Sneak,' Woman Freed in Kidnaping Says

Karpis-Barker Gang Machine Gunner Redeemed "Ticket for Hot Seat With Lies," Blond "Kissing Bandit," Cleared in Bremer Case, Asserts

A blonde in a gingham dress described Byron Bolton, the Karpis-Barker gang gunner, today as "a sneak" who redeemed "his ticket for the hot seat with lies."

The blonde was Edna (Rabbits) Murray, who with Jess Doyle, was freed Monday of complicity in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Lounging in the matron's reception room in Ramsey county jail, both Mrs. Murray and Doyle spoke freely about the Bremer kidnaping trial in which they sat as defendants for fifteen days.

They shook hands, chatted and joked with each other, and posed for pictures.

"How would you feel if you were freed in a case like this?" asked Mrs. Murray when she was queried about the dismissal of charges.

"Well, I feel swell, of course," she added, exhaling cigarette smoke. "I expected to be exonerated, although I didn't expect the charges to be dismissed."

Doyle touched off a cigarette and grinned when asked how he felt about it.

"Boy, it's a relief," he said.

Both were in court Monday when Bolton took the stand as a government witness and named Harry Sawyer, one-time St. Paul underworld kingpin as the "finger" man in the Bremer abduction. Bolton also identified Volney Davis as one of those who "stood by" as three members of the Karpis-Barker gang kidnaped the banker in January, 1934.

"Bolton's testimony," said Mrs. Murray, "was the only damaging stuff I heard at the trial. He is a sneak, who traded with the govern-

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ment. He is trying to escape the hot seat (electric chair) down in Chicago for the St. Valentine's day massacre. He traded lies for his ticket to the hot seat.

The jet-eyed Bolton's identification of Davis angered the blonde.

"He named Volney and he knows that Volney wasn't mixed up in the actual kidnaping," snapped Davis. "So far as Volney's being mixed up in the money changing I do not know."

Went for Some Whisky.

Mrs. Murray asserted that she and Davis were occupants of a St. Paul apartment the day Bremer was kidnaped. Davis, she said, first heard about the abduction at a drug store where he had gone for some whisky to treat the woman's cold.

"Volney couldn't have been in on the kidnaping because he didn't get up early enough," she added frankly. "I heard it on the radio and when Volney came back I told him. He said that I had better get out of town, because I could not stand an arrest (Mrs. Murray was a fugitive from Missouri state prison), but that he could. I went to Chicago that day."

Mrs. Murray apparently is little perturbed about being removed to Missouri. She escaped prison in 1929 after serving 4½ years of a 25-year sentence for robbery, in which she gained the sobriquet, "the kissing bandit."

Says She Was Framed.

"Kansas City (where the robbery occurred) officials know I'm not guilty," she said. "I was framed and I'm going to reopen the case when I go back. I am perfectly innocent of the charge."

Just before she changed clothes for the picture, Mrs. Murray disclosed that her 18-year-old son was at the trial last week, and left St. Paul Saturday night. Her husband, Jack Murray, still is in the Missouri prison, serving a 25-year sentence for the same charge on which his wife was convicted.

Terms Indictment Mystery.

Doyle said the appearance of his name on the Bremer kidnap indictment "always will be a mystery to me."

"I can't figure out why it was there," he said. "My name wasn't mentioned once during the trial."

The slender, nervous Doyle, captured by Federal agents near Girard, Kan., a few weeks before the trial began, is anxious to "get going" on the two robbery charges confronting him.

"I wish that county attorney over in Minneapolis would bring his witnesses here and have 'em look me over," he said, discussing his alleged connection with the robbery, December 18, 1932, of the Third Northwestern National bank. "There isn't a witness who can truthfully say I had anything to do with that robbery."

Faces Robbery Charges.

Doyle also faces bank robbery charges in Oklahoma. He may be tried on charges of participating in the holdup of a bank in Okemah, Okla.

"I was on an operating table in

Kansas City the day that robbery took place," he said.

Doyle said he once lived in Minneapolis and that he was deer hunting in Minnesota in December, 1934. He asserted he "was on the way to the coast" when Bremer was kidnaped.

"What did you think of Bolton's testimony?" he was asked.

"I think he's a government agent," he replied, laughing.

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BARKER GANG'S DEATH THREATS BARED BY BERG

Told to Pay \$900 as Share of
"Loss" in Vidler Arrest,
He Says.

SAW "2 MEN IN BANDAGES"

One Believed to Be "Doc"
Barker After Face Lifting
Operation.

Oliver Berg, testifying in his own defense in the Bremer kidnap trial, asserted today he was threatened with death by the Barker-Karpis gang.

He was to be "rubbed out," he said, if he did not pay \$900 as his share of the "loss" resulting from the arrest of William Vidler with \$3,000 ransom money in his possession.

The 55-year-old convict from Illinois state prison resumed the stand in Federal district court in

RICHARD ARLEN, WIFE SPECTATORS AT TRIAL

Interested spectators today at the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial were Richard Arlen, St. Paul motion picture star, and his wife, the former Jobyna Ralston, also of the movies.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen are here on a visit with Mr. Arlen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mat-timore, 1854 Goodrich avenue.

St. Paul as the first witness for the defense.

Berg unfolded a story of drunken house parties, trips to various cities and "hideouts" as they were fleeing from the law, speedboat rides on the river at night, and threats hurled at him several times when he refused to exchange part of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

As the trial of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Berg, and six others for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, was in progress, it was learned that the conspiracy charge against Bruno (Whitie) Austin, Chi-

cago, has been dismissed but that he is still being held in the county jail for investigation.

Federal authorities, however, have no detainer on him. Austin, named in the Bremer indictment as one of the alleged money changers, was arrested several months ago as he was leaving a Chicago church with his new bride. He was the only Bremer suspect in custody who was not brought to trial.

The name of John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago political boss and one of the defendants, figured in the testimony of Berg. The witness said he saw McLaughlin in the hotel room of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician who is under indictment in the Bremer case but still at large, on several occasions.

Ordered to "Cough Up."

After the "blowoff" came with the arrest of Vidler, Chicago bookie, with ransom in his pockets, Berg testified, Russell "Slim" Gibson, slain Barker-Karpis gangster, came to his home and told him he better "cough up" \$900 to Dr. Moran or that his "life wouldn't be worth a nickel."

Eugene Matthews, appointed by the Federal court to represent Berg, asked him whether he believed the death threats. Berg said: "Sure, I did."

Berg told how Gibson went to his home last May and said, "Have you got \$900 in your pockets?" I have a message to you from Dr. Moran, that you must put in \$900 toward the \$3,000 he's got to make good (referring to the ransom in Vidler's possession).

Had \$700 in Pocket.

Berg, speaking with gestures and at times incoherently, said: "I told him I am not making anything good. I said I never was responsible for any of that money and that I never got anything. He then told me I better 'cough up.' I had \$700 in my pocket and I also pulled off my diamond ring which I told him he could pawn for \$150. He did not accept the money and ring."

At this point, Berg said, Gibson warned him that he better go to Toledo, but that he refused.

"If you don't, you'll be found in a ditch," Berg quoted Gibson as saying.

Previously Berg testified that on one occasion Gibson came to his house and, appearing excited and in an angry mood, pulled a gun, pointed it at him and said: "You deserve to be shot right in the head. You introduced me to those men and got me in trouble."

Ordered Dr. Moran Out.

Berg related how he ordered Dr. Moran from his home when the physician became very drunk and after he (Berg) learned that two men staying at his home—Fred Barker, dead outlaw, and Alvin Karpis, fugitive—were convalescing from operations to mutilate their fingerprints. Berg said he charged Dr. Moran with deceiving him by saying the men were "small town bootleggers who burned their hands," and arranging Berg's home for their hideout.

After he received the admonition from Gibson to go to Toledo, Berg testified, he said he went to the Fort Max hotel and registered under the name of Bennett. There, he testified, he met Gibson. The witness said Gibson told him that the gang wanted him and Gibson and a woman to go to New York and "buy things," everything for \$5 and \$10 bills and return with the good money.

Berg said he refused, but that, on advice of Gibson, he and Dr. Moran and Gibson went to a cottage about a half-hour ride from Toledo where they met Wynona Burdett, sweetheart of the fugitive, Harry Campbell, and two men "sitting there with their faces and hands all bandaged up."

One of the men in bandages, whom Berg said he could not identify, asked him how he was feeling. "I don't feel so good," Berg testified, he answered.

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Sought Funds For College Medical Course, He Says

Circumstances which threw him in with one of the most murderous gangs of criminals of modern times were told to a federal court jury late today by James Wilson, former medic student at Northwestern university and one of eight defendants seeking freedom on charges of conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The handsome, 27-year-old youth mounted the witness stand soon after court convened after the noon recess and with his attorney, Thomas Newman, asking questions in a fatherly fashion, told the jury how he started to work for his uncle, Dr. Joseph Moran, a fugitive in the Bremer case.

Wilson told of struggles to earn funds to pay his way through college. He told of a job he held at La Salle, Ill., being cut to one-half day and of quitting it to seek another in Chicago; how he was unable to find work and how his aunt placed him in college. Later he was forced to withdraw for lack of funds.

It was then, he said, that he went to work for Dr. Moran as office boy and general helper. His pay, he testified, was expenses and a few dollars spending money.

Wilson Takes Stand.

Berg was recalled to the stand as court reconvened after the noon recess. Thomas Newman, attorney for James Wilson, asked permission to ask one question and his request was granted.

"Did you say Dr. Moran didn't want Jimmy around?"

"Yes. Moran didn't want Jimmie to know anything about it."

Berg then was dismissed and Wilson took the stand in his own behalf.

In reply to Newman's questions, Wilson said he was 27 years old and was born in Spring Valley, Ill. He attended Northwestern university where he matriculated in the college of medicine. He said his father is a mining engineer.

"In 1931, he said he went to Chicago to get a better paying job. He also said he had an aunt there who might help him through school. He was unable to find work in Chicago and so was sent to Northwestern by his aunt to prepare for medicine but was forced to drop out for lack of funds.

Worked For Doctor.

"Is Dr. Moran a relative?"

"Yes. He is an uncle by marriage and I have known him almost all my life."

"You saw Dr. Moran after you left school?"

"Yes. I told him about my financial condition and circumstances. He told me to come to Maywood and he would see what he could do for me. He was practicing medicine

there and had some connection with a teamsters' and chauffeurs' union as doctor. I went with him and became sort of office boy and assistant. I didn't get a salary, but the agreement was that he was to put me through school as soon as circumstances improved."

"How long did you remain with him at Maywood?"

"One year. Then he moved to 4861 Irving Park Blvd. I went with him."

"What did you get?"

"No salary, but he paid my living expenses and gave me a couple of dollars spending money."

"What did you do each day?"

"I would go to the office about 9 a. m. each day, sterilize some instruments and clean up the office."

"What were Moran's office hours?"

"From 10 a. m. to 12 noon and 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. and sometimes from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m."

"Where did you room?"

"At Irving hotel with Dr. Moran."

"Did you ever go to the hotel room during the day?"

"No, unless I had to see Dr. Moran or anything important."

"Did Dr. Moran have a good practice?"

"Yes, he did."

"Do you recall testimony when there were two persons up in the hotel room who had their hands treated?"

"Yes, I do now. Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker. I knew Karpis as 'Slim' and Fred Barker as 'Shorty'."

"How did you first come to see either of these men?"

"About the middle of March, 1934, Dr. Moran got a telephone call. He said he had to go downtown. When he came back, he called me from the hotel and said that a party told him he would have two patients. Either that night or the next day, he told me he had met the two men and was going to do a job on their hands. I had occasion to go to the hotel on business to see Dr. Moran and couldn't find him. The bellhop told me he was in room 224."

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GUNMAN DESCRIBES BREMER ABDUCTION

Byron Bolton Nervously Testi-
fies Gang Decided on 'Snatch'
Rather Than Bank Hold-Up.

CALLED IN CASE BY ZIEGLER

**Government Rests Case After
Testimony—Charges Against
2 Defendants Dismissed.**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
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charges against Mrs. Edna Murray
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granted the motion, but Doyle will
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Speaking in a low voice, Bolton
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of the Bremer kidnapping as out-
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At one point Bolton said that
when the gang came to St. Paul
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considered abandoning the kidnap-
ping in favor of holding up the
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Karpis Aid Tells Story Of Bremer Kidnap Plot

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At the start of his testimony Bolton linked Harry Sawyer, most recently captured of the score of persons the government charges played parts

in the kidnaping, with the plot as "finger man." Sawyer was arrested last Friday in Mississippi and is held in New Orleans.

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INSIDER SQUEALS ON BREMER GANG

St. Paul, Minn., May 6 (AP).—An insider's story of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was told from the witness stand today by Byron Bolton, 37, who freely accused his old associates in the Barker-Karpis gang. Testifying before a crowded courtroom, Bolton, the only member of the gang now in custody who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges, named Harry Sawyer as the finger man in the \$200,000 abduction.

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Denver, Colo.
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GUNMAN ACCUSES BARKER'S GANG OF KIDNAPING BREMER

Prosecution Rests After
Nervous Testimony of
Byron Bolton.

St. Paul, Minn., May 7.—(I.N.S.)—The government having rested its case against Arthur (Doc) Barker and nine others charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward Bremer kidnaping, the defense Tuesday was to open its case in the courtroom of Federal Judge M. M. Joyce. United States Attorney George E. Sullivan rested after presenting the story of Byron Bolton, machine gunner of the Barker-Karpis gang, accusing Barker, the fugitive Alvin Karpis, William Weaver and Harry Campbell.

A leader in the plot to collect the huge ransom, the nervous witness testified, was Harry Sawyer, St. Paul gangland chief who was seized in Mississippi last Friday.

Bolton, who had previously entered a plea of guilty, said the actual kidnaping of the banker on Jan. 17, 1934, was witnessed from another automobile by the late George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz; Fred Barker and Volney Davis.

At the kidnap house in Bensenville, Ill., the day after Bremer was snatched, the witness said he saw and talked with Karpis, Campbell and Ziegler. He also saw the gang's captive, Bremer, his head swathed in bandages and dark glasses over his eyes.

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BREMER KIDNAPER TURNS, HELPS U. S.

Machine Gunner, Shaky and
Nervous, Bares Details
of Gang's "Snatch."

ST. PAUL, May 6.—(U.P.)—The federal government's evidence in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case was concluded today with a lethal blast of testimony from Byron Bolton, confessed ace machine gunner of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and seven others are charged with the \$200,000 abduction. Bremer was in an inconspicuous rear seat today. It was the first time he had been in court in more than two weeks.

The government today dismissed charges against two defendants, reducing the total from ten. It admitted evidence had failed to involve Jess Doyle, southwestern desperado, and Edna Murray, Kansas City's "kissing bandit." Neither will go free. Doyle is wanted in the southwest and Miss Murray will return to Missouri Reformatory.

Bolton's Voice Low.

The defense opened late today with Oliver Berg, a defendant, on the stand. He testified that while the Barkers and others were staying at his home, recovering from fingerprint mutilation operations, he did not know who they were. He said he attempted to persuade them to leave because he had an appeal from an Illinois prison term pending and "didn't want any more trouble."

Bolton was shaky and nervous under the piercing stare of Barker. He returned the gaze only when Barker, surly and swaggering, rose in his chair to be identified.

In a low frightened voice, Bolton told how he was summoned from Arizona to assist, related how the abduction was planned, recounted the actual seizure, the ransom negotiation, Bremer's release and difficulties within the gang itself as it sought to change ransom bills.

His testimony linked every major gang member, including the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, Harry Sawyer,

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IN BREMER PLOT

U. S. CLOSES
ITS CASE

Bolton Points Out 3 as Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, May 6. (AP)—A confessed conspirator's witness stand recital of events in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer today climaxed the government's case against eight persons charged with conspiracy.

A few moments after Byron Bolton of Chicago, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy when the trial opened three weeks ago, had finished his story the government rested its case.

Government attorneys then asked and were granted dismissal of charges against Edna Murray, known as the "kissing bandit," and Jess Doyle, confessed bank robber, for lack of evidence.

At the very opening of his testimony Bolton named Harry Sawyer, who was captured Friday in Missouri, as "finger man" in the plot.

Naming George Ziegler, slain in Chicago shortly after Bremer was freed, as his informant, Bolton testified the men who actually kidnaped Bremer on January 17, 1934, were Arthur ("Doc") Barker, one of the defendants; his partner, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Weaver. The three latter still are fugitives.

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Bolton also described seeing Bremer taken away from the place to be freed and of seeing Barker and Davis carrying large cardboard boxes apparently containing the ransom money. He was told the ransom was split the next day.

Ziegler summoned him to Chicago before the kidnaping to ask him to take charge of the prison house, Bolton ~~admitted~~, but he ~~refused~~.

After Bremer's return he was



MRS. EDNA MURRAY

offered \$3,000 of the ransom money, which he at first refused, Bolton testified, later accepting \$3,000 from "Doc" Barker. Of this he gave \$2,000 to Mrs. Ziegler, whose husband then had been slain, he said.

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WOMAN FREED IN BREMER CASE



[Acme Photo.]

Mrs. Edna Murray of Kansas City, called the "kissing bandit," leaving federal court in St. Paul, Minn., yesterday with a deputy and two co-defendants, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin of Chicago and J. J. Wilson (left to right, front), after charges of conspiracy against Mrs. Murray were dismissed in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial. She faces return to Missouri to serve twenty years of a robbery sentence.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE

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Story of Bremer Kidnaping Told from Stand by Bolton

St. Paul, Minn., May 6.—[Special.]—The government today rested its case against Arthur [Doc] Barker and nine others charged with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping after Byron Bolton, machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, nervously told the story of the conspiracy to extort \$200,000 from the St. Paul banker.

Immediately after resting the case, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, moved to dismiss the charges against Mrs. Edna Murray and Jess Doyle. Judge M. M. Joyce granted the motion, but Doyle will be held for other crimes and Mrs. Murray will await a defense call to the witness stand.

Bolton Names Kidnapers.

Speaking in a low voice, Bolton confirmed the government's story of the Bremer kidnaping as outlined by witnesses in the three weeks since the trial started.

He quoted George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, slain by members of his own gang, as saying that Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and William Weaver did the actual kidnaping, while Ziegler, Fred Barker, and Volney Davis witnessed the abduction from another car at the scene in St. Paul on January 17, 1934. He also named Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld king, arrested Friday in Mississippi, as a leader in the ransom plot.

Bolton told of every detail of the kidnaping from the time he was summoned from Phoenix, Ariz., early in January, 1934, to assist in the "snatch," to Bremer's release.

Bolton said he, himself, was offered \$3,000 of the ransom money, refused it, and later got \$2,000 for Mrs. Irene Ziegler after Ziegler's death and \$1,000 for himself after the ransom had been exchanged.

Describes Gang's Plot.

Bolton told how Ziegler had paid his plane fare from Phoenix to Chicago and of meeting Ziegler and Willy Harrison, now a fugitive in the case.

Bolton said Ziegler told him "they" intended to kidnap "a man from St. Paul" and wanted to know if Bolton would take charge of "the house"—the kidnapers' hideout, home of Harold Alderton at Bensenville, Ill., to which Bremer was taken after the kidnaping. Bolton said he refused, saying he didn't want anything to do with the matter.

Bolton said he went to Alderton's home at Bensenville Jan. 18. Karpis answered his knock and wanted to know who it was. Bolton identified himself as "Monty." He said he saw Karpis, Weaver, and Campbell at the house, telling them Ziegler had sent him to learn if anything was wanted.

Views Bremer's Bandages.

He said he saw Mr. Bremer at the house bandaged and wearing glasses. Campbell told him that "he got a little rough and we had to use force," he said. At this point Bolton identified Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavernkeeper, and Barker. The latter stood up, glaring sullenly.

Bolton told of going to Alderton's house on the day Mr. Bremer was released. He said he saw Mr. Bremer and Doc Barker walk out of the house. They walked to a passageway between the house and a shed, getting into a car that Ziegler drove, he said. "Bremer had his handkerchief to his face," Bolton testified. "He appeared to have something fastened to the back of his head, probably a pair of goggles."

Bolton and Ziegler drove to the latter's apartment in Berwyn, a suburb of Chicago, and that Fred Barker and Davis appeared with two large cardboard boxes which they threw on a davenport, he testified.

Fred Barker said, "There's the money. We had a hard time getting it," Bolton testified.

Denies Promise from U. S.

Ziegler told him later that Sawyer, Doc Barker, and Fred Barker already had been given their share of the ransom money.

On cross-examination Bolton denied he had been promised anything by the government.

Anticipating the dismissal of Mrs. Murray, deputies were here today waiting to return her to the Missouri state prison from which she escaped. She still has more than 20 years to serve on a robbery sentence.

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THE ATLANTA JOURNAL,
ATLANTA, GA.,
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; HARBORING;
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Sawyer Is Named 'Finger Man' in Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, May 7.—(AP)—An inside story of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was told from the witness stand Monday by Byron Bolton, 37, who has pleaded guilty.

Bolton, blurring out details of the famous case, freely accused his old associates in the Barker-Karpis gang. Testifying before a crowded courtroom, Bolton, the only member of the gang now in custody who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges, named Harry Sawyer as the "finger man" in the \$200,000 abduction. Bolton said he was told after the crime last year that "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Weaver, the last three fugitives, had done the actual seizing of Bremer. George Ziegler, alias Fred Goetz, later killed in Chicago, allegedly by members of the gang, told Bolton that these four had carried out the abduction who is dead. Ziegler, Fred Barker, who sought, and Volney Davis, other car parked near the scene, the prisoner-witness testified.

"Ziegler told me about the eighth or nineteenth of January 1934," Bolton testified, "that they kidnaped Mr. Bremer in St. Paul and had him in a house at Benson. Ziegler said when they went kidnaping and rob the bank, but insisted they go through with it."

Paul they wanted to abandon kidnaping, saying the bank was

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KISS BANDIT
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Edna Murray

Her Kisses
Lured Men
Into
Holdups

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 5.—Prison awaits Edna Murray, the Kissing Bandit of Minnesota although she has been eliminated from the Bremer kidnaping prosecution. Lieut. Gov. Harris has signed a requisition to bring the woman back to Missouri penitentiary from which she escaped three years ago.

She lured a score of men into hold-ups by offering kisses. Three times she escaped from jails.

20 YEARS

When Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped, she was captured with companions in a Kansas hide-out. But when taken to St. Paul she was exonerated of the abduction. Missouri officials recognized her as the jail-breaking fugitive who must serve 20 years to complete a quarter-century sentence for highway robbery.

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DENVER ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS
Denver, Colo.
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Is Believed to Stain

Shot When He Tries to Grab Loot

Dr. Moran Helped Out-
laws Get Rid of Bremer
\$200,000 Ransom

By United Press

ST. PAUL—Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician who turned his professional skill to aid the outlaw Barker-Karpis gang, is believed by well-informed sources to have been slain, it was learned Saturday.

Dr. Moran, it was reported, was killed because he attempted to flee with a portion of the \$200,000 ransom paid for release of Edward G. Bremer.

In testimony during the past week at the trial of 10 persons accused of the Bremer abduction, it was revealed that Dr. Moran operated upon leaders of the Barker-Karpis gang to mutilate their fingerprints.

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Slain by Gangsters

The informant said that Dr. Moran was slain by remaining members of the gang after federal agents killed or captured leaders, including the Barker brothers.

While the government prepared to wind up its case Monday with testimony of Byron Bolton, who confessed participation in the actual seizure of Bremer here on Jan. 17, 1934, it was revealed that two of the defendants will be released.

Edna Murray, the Kansas City "handit," and Jess Davis, a

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SUSPECT IN BREMER KIDNAP CASE TRAPPED BY GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Car Spotted in Front of Gaming Place on Mississippi
Coast—Harry Sawyer Held Under
\$100,000 Bond.

New Orleans, La., May 4.—(U. S.)—Harry Sawyer, charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minn., was held under \$100,000 bond here Saturday while government authorities moved rapidly to transfer him to Minnesota for trial.

Sawyer, object of a nationwide search for several months, was taken without a struggle by four department of justice men in Pass Christian, Miss., Friday night, brought here a few hours later and arraigned Saturday before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter Jr.

Sawyer's capture was the result of a tip furnished the federal agents by two Pass Christian officers, according to D. W. McGee, head of the bureau of investigation here and leader of the raiding squad.

The officers had been carrying on an intense search for Sawyer for several days, and Friday night while cruising thru the streets of Pass Christian they discovered his car, which bore a Nebraska license plate, parked in front of a gambling house. They entered the building and identified Sawyer.

One of the agents placed a hand on Sawyer's shoulder and said:

"We want to talk to you."
Sawyer offered no resistance as he was led from the room. He was not armed. However, a search of the house where he and his wife had lived for several months revealed one gun, a small pistol, McGee said.

HAS MONEY, BUT IT MAY NOT BE RANSOM.

Sawyer had \$200 or \$300 on his person when arrested, but McGee does not believe it is part of the ransom money.

He said:
"We will check up, of course, in order to make sure, but I believe Sawyer was too smart a man to park the ransom money around with him this long."

Sawyer's wife accompanied Sawyer.

ernment agents here said he would be taken to St. Paul as soon as a copy of the indictment is received here.

Bank Gets \$65,000 Of Hamm Ransom

St. Paul, Minn., May 4.—(A. P.)—Approximately \$65,000 of William Hamm ransom money has come into the Chicago Federal Reserve bank and department of justice officials in Washington are convinced the Barker-Karpis mob—not the Roger-Touhy gang—kidnaped the millionaire St. Paul brewer June 15, 1933, it was learned Saturday night from an authoritative source.

Today's Pictures Today

Bremer Suspect Is Captured

A. P. Wirephoto



HARRY SAWYER,
Arrested Saturday near Pass Christian, Miss., is wanted as the "finger man" who helped in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

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Barker-Karpis Surgeon Is Believed Slain

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Shot When He Tries to Grab Loot

Dr. Moran Helped Out-
laws Get Rid of Bremer
\$200,000 Ransom

By United Press

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HAMM RANSOM MONEY IS FOUND IN CHICAGO BANK

Bremer Kidnapers Are
Suspected of Crime.

(Picture on back page.)

St. Paul, Minn., May 5.—(AP)—New evidence pointing to the Barker-Karpis gang as kidnapers of William Hamm, St. Paul, in 1933, was announced today as the government neared the climax in its case against ten persons on trial for the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

It was learned authoritatively that \$65,000 of the \$100,000 ransom paid for the release of Hamm, millionaire brewer, had found its way into the Chicago Federal Reserve bank from various cities, including Chicago, Cleveland, and Toledo. Heretofore, no inkling that any of the Hamm ransom money had turned up had been given.

These disclosures, with the arrest in Mississippi of Harry Sawyer, reputed "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping, Saturday, came as the government prepared to weave the last strands in its net of evidence against the Bremer defendants, including Arthur [Doc] Barker, through the testimony of Byron Bolton.

Bolton, confessed member of the kidnaping gang, pleaded guilty at the opening of the current trial April 18. The prosecution expects him to complete the "inside" story of Bremer's seizure and rely on him to link at least seven of the defendants with it directly.

The defense probably will start its case late Monday or Tuesday.



BYRON BOLTON.
[Acme Photo.]



CAUGHT — Harry Sawyer, seized in Mississippi as one of Edward G. Bremer kidnapers.

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